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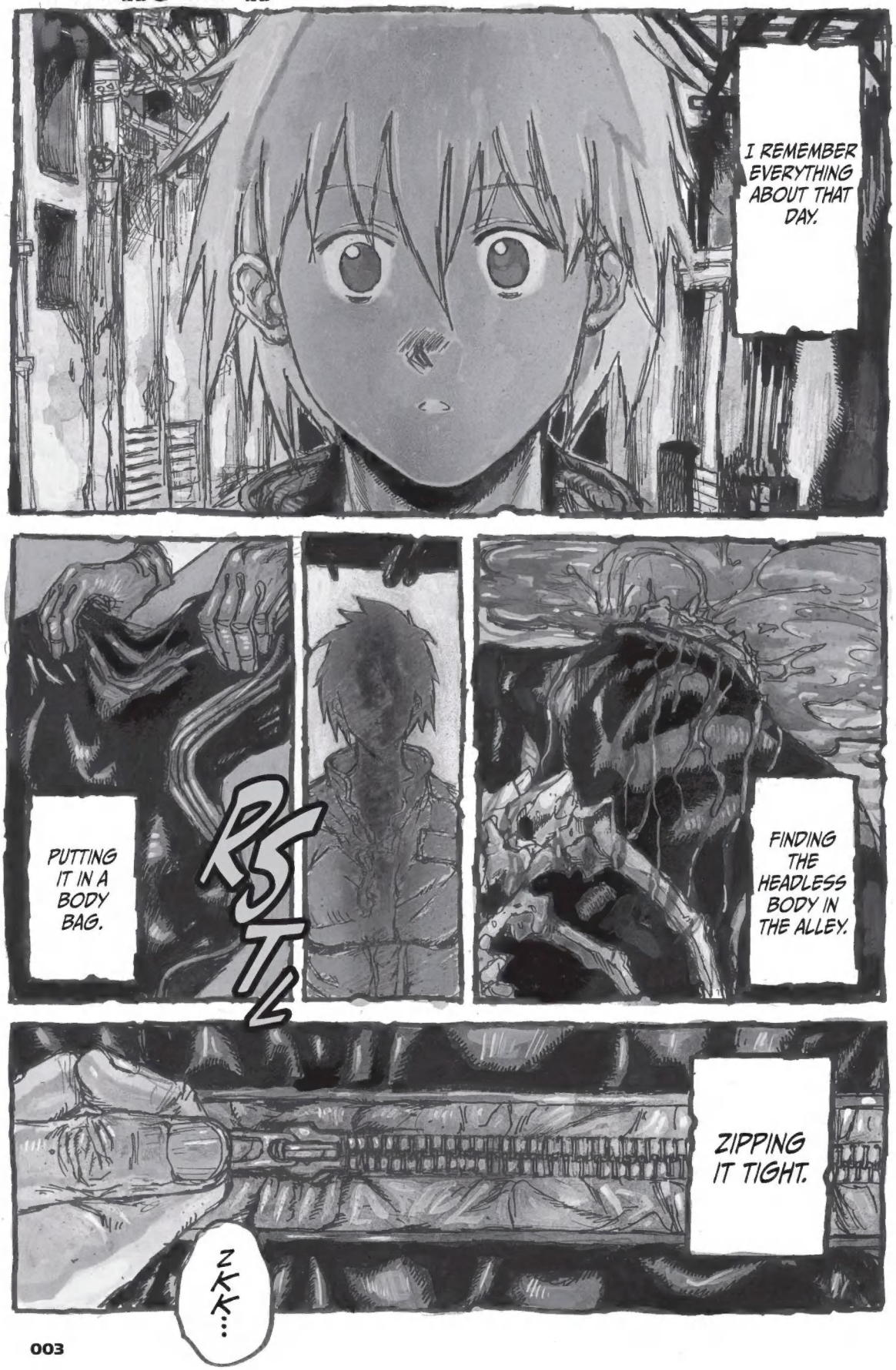

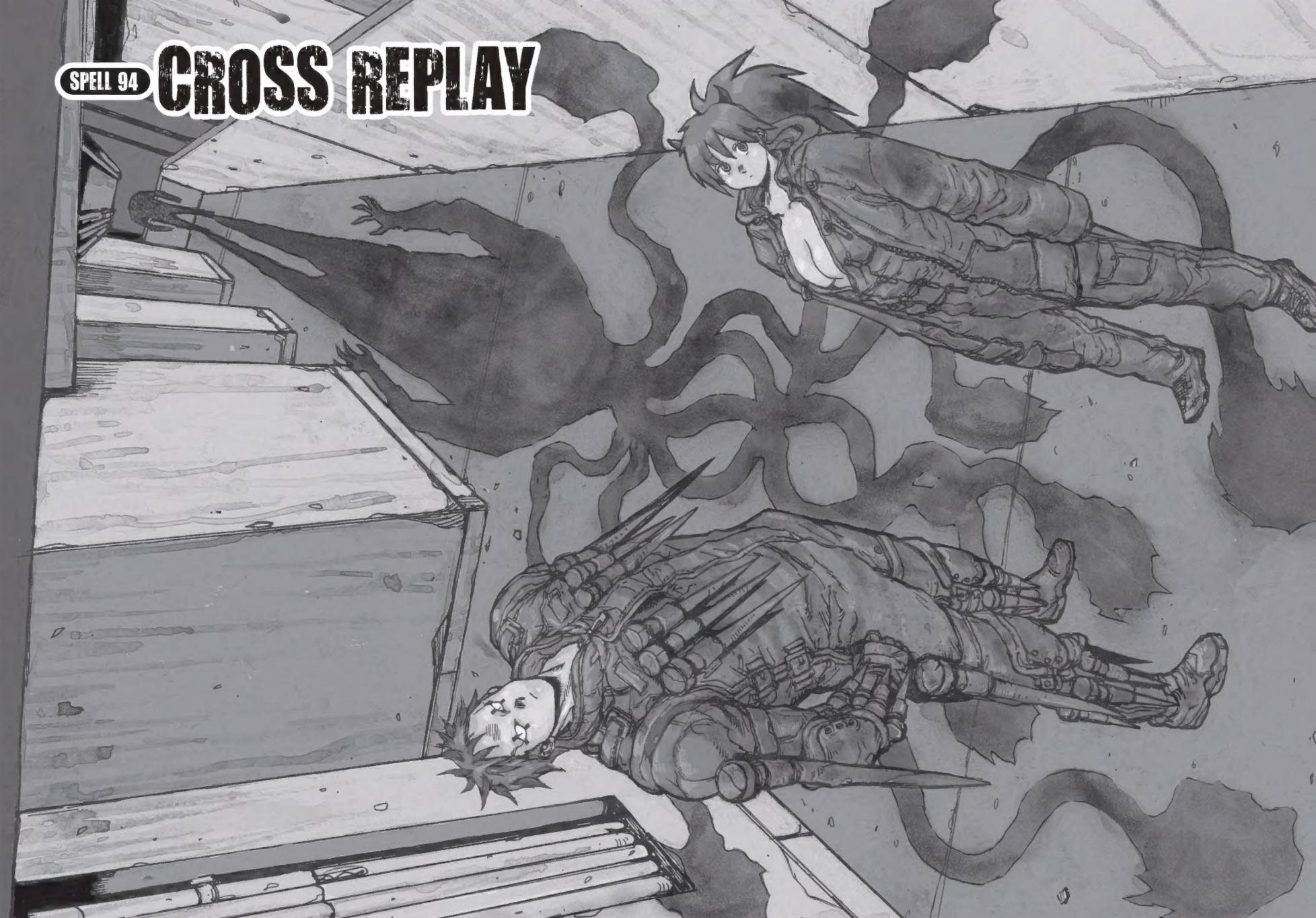
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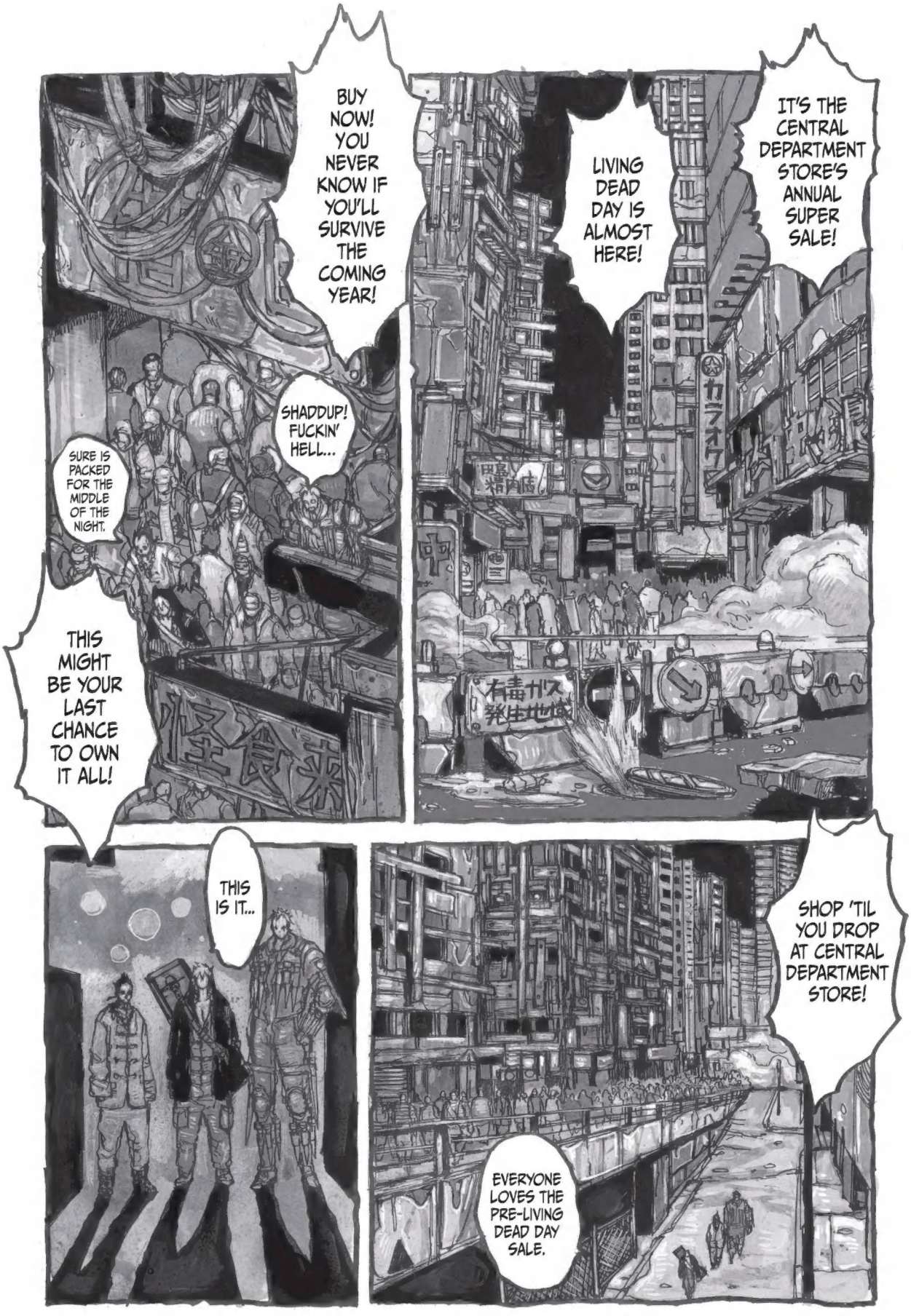
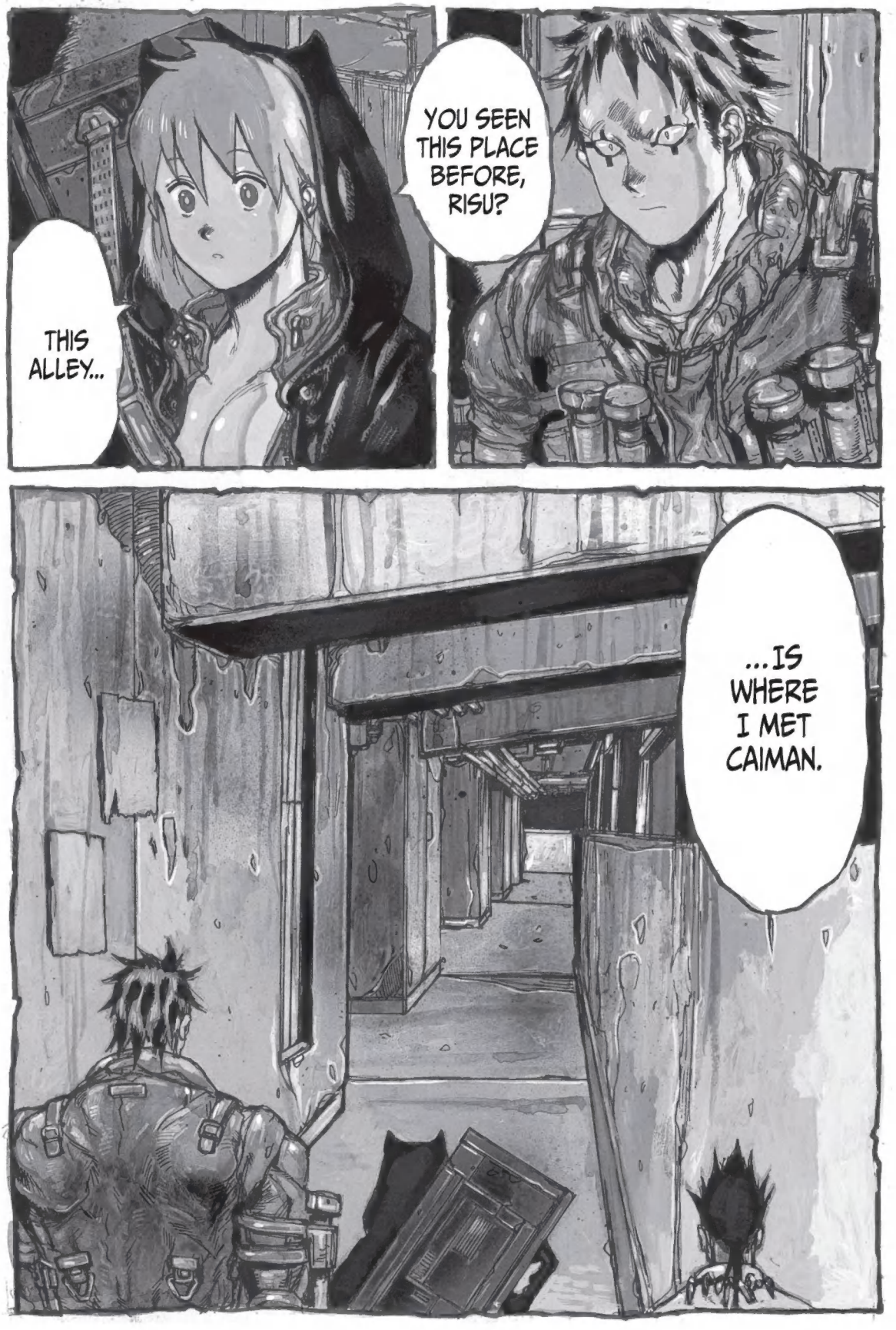

BUY NOW! YOU NEVER KNOW IF YOU'LL SURVIVE THE COMING YEAR!
SHADDUP! FUCKIN' HELL...
SURE IS PACKED FOR THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.
THIS MIGHT BE YOUR LAST CHANCE TO OWN IT ALL!
LIVING DEAD DAY IS ALMOST HERE!
IT'S THE CENTRAL DEPARTMENT STORE'S ANNUAL SUPER SALE!
THIS IS IT...
EVERYONE LOVES THE PRE-LIVING DEAD DAY SALE.
SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP AT CENTRAL DEPARTMENT STORE!


THIS ALLEY...
YOU SEEN THIS PLACE BEFORE, RISU?
...IS WHERE I MET CAIMAN.

I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE.
I MEAN, IT FEELS FAMILIAR.
BUT I'VE NEVER BEEN IN THE HOLE BEFORE.
SO, WHY?
LET'S SEE...
YANK
KLANK
MY MAGIC ONLY SEEMS TO LET ME SEND TWO PEOPLE TO THE PAST.

YOU MIGHT ONLY HAVE FOUR MORE CHANCES TO USE YOUR MAGIC.
YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, NIKAIDO?
OKAY. I'LL WAIT HERE.
I KNOW...
...
IT'S OKAY. I WANT TO KNOW ABOUT CAIMAN, TOO.

YEAH.
LET'S DO IT, RISU.
KLAK
KLATCH
BSHHT

WH
O
O
SH

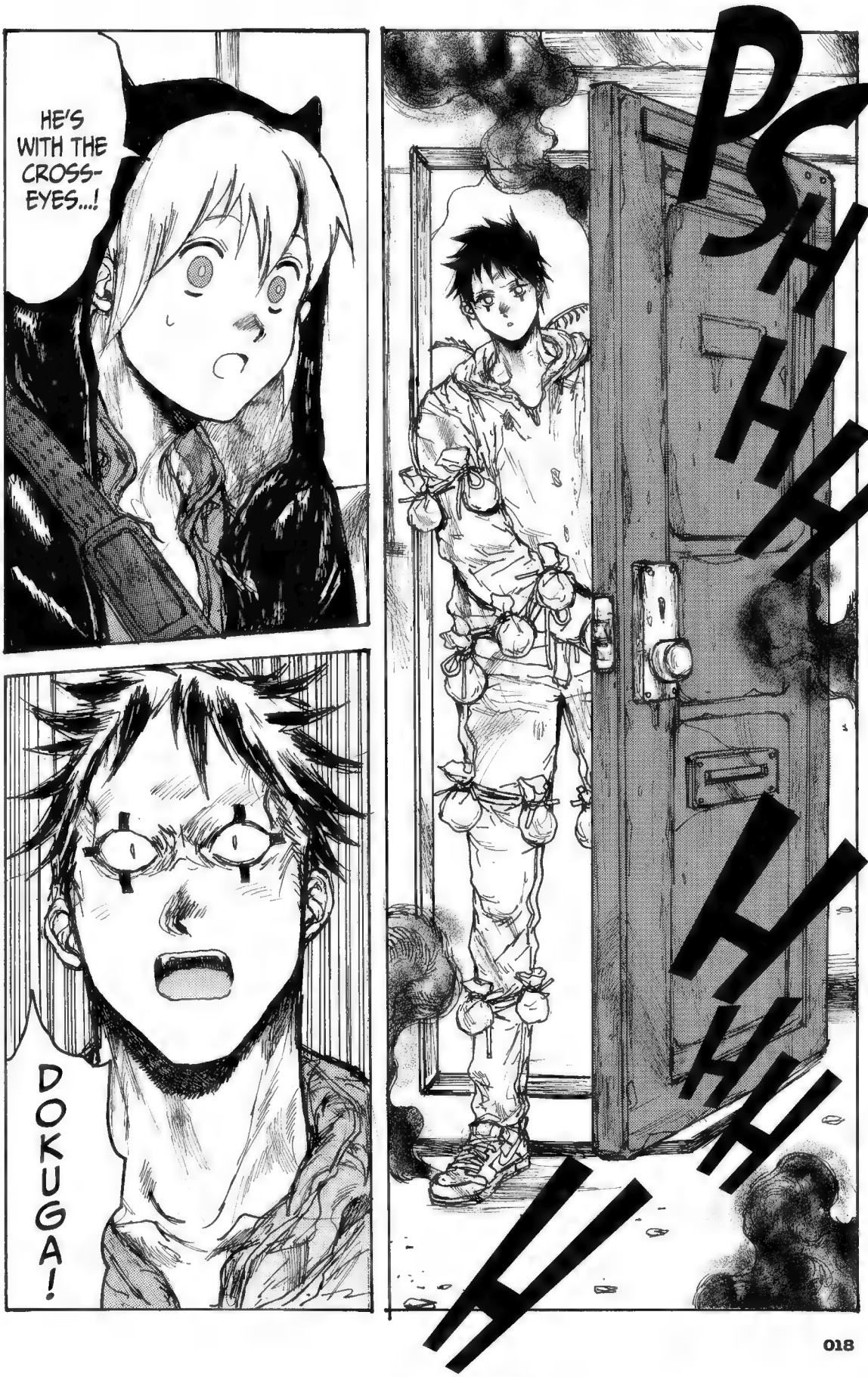
WE'RE ALREADY IN THE PAST.
HUH. HUH?!
?
DAYTIME.
GUESS SO. IT'S BRIGHT AS HELL HERE.
YEAH. THERE'S NO BODY HERE YET.
BACK THEN I WAS WORKING AS A BODY COLLECTOR. WHEN I CAME THROUGH AN HOUR BEFORE THIS, I DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING.
I SET THE TIME FOR A LITTLE BEFORE I FOUND THE BODY.

THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO WARN YOU ABOUT.
HM?
SO I GUESS SOMETHING IS GONNA HAPPEN.
JUMP
LEAD
SOME-BODY'S COMING. HIDE!

GYUCHI!!
HEE-HEE-HEE, JOHNSON!
IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR LUNCH.
THAT MUST BE...!
IT'S JOHNSON!
YOU KNOW HIM?
SEEMS LIKE THAT GUY MIGHT HAVE SEEN EVERYTHING THAT WENT DOWN HERE.
HE SAW CAIMAN BEFORE HE CHANGED!
YEAH. I TOLD YOU BEFORE, THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO SEE HERE IN THE HOLE.
THIS IS PART OF IT.

YOU'LL SEE SOON ENOUGH.
HE ALSO CLAIMED I WAS HERE BEFORE HE DIED.
BUT I DON'T REMEMBER EVER SEEING CAIMAN BEFORE THAT.
AIKAWA'S GONNA SHOW UP.
IF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS TRUE...
FZKKK
!
RISU...

NKKKKKKKK
BETTER HIDE, JOHNSON!
SHIT, IT'S A SORCERER!
KLATCH
A DOOR ?!


HE'S WITH THE CROSS-EYES...!
DOKUGA!
PSHHHHHH!!

WHY'S HE HERE?!
ALL CLEAR, BOSS.
I DON'T THINK HE'LL BE ABLE TO FOLLOW YOU TO THE HOLE.
!!

V2
Mp

AIKAWA ?!
BUT HIS EYES HAVE CROSS MARKS...!
BOSS.

ARE YOU SURE YOU'LL GO ALONE? LET ME...
I PACKED FOOD AND STUFF YOU MIGHT NEED.
B-BOSS!
WHAT?! YOU CAN'T LEAVE YOUR KNIFE!

KNIVES DON'T WORK ON HIM.
HIS POWER IS...
"TAKING EVERY-THING."
BUT...
I'LL KEEP IT SAFE 'TIL YOU GET BACK.
OKAY, BOSS.

I'M CLOSING THE DOOR NOW. PLEASE RUN BEFORE HE FINDS YOU.
GO! QUICK!
TAKE THIS...
IT MIGHT BE USEFUL.
PSHHHHT
SL
AM
!!

!!
!!
BSSHT
WOOSH

SPELL 95
CONCEPTUAL QUARREL
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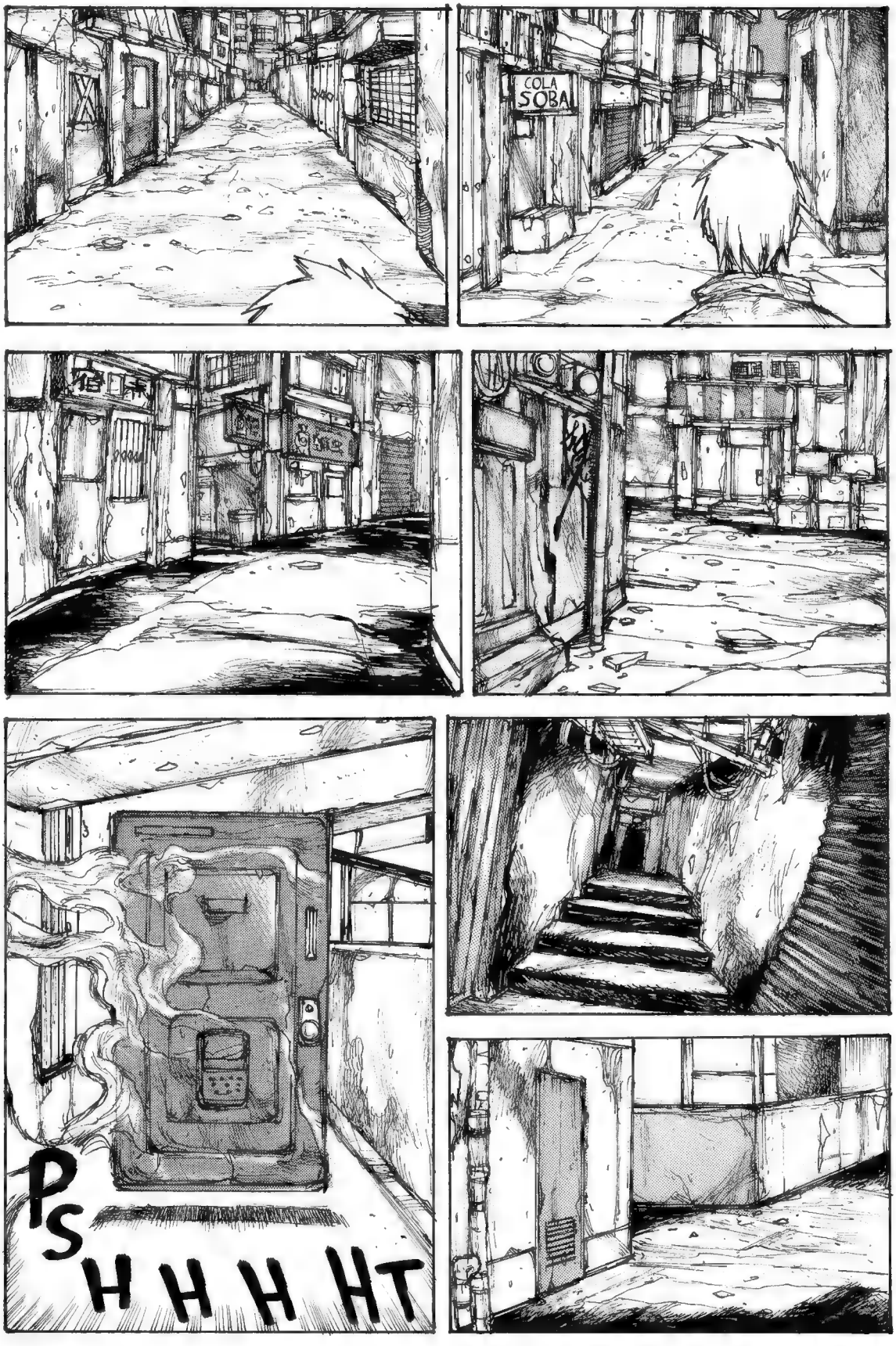
THE GOAL IS TO CLEAN UP THE HOLE.
WE PAY A PER-BODY BONUS ON TOP OF THE HOURLY RATE.
AND, IF YOU FIND A BODY FROM THE MISSING LIST, YOU'LL GET A REWARD FROM THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS.
PANDA
WHERE ARE YOU GONNA START?
AROUND THE SHOPS, I GUESS.
OKAY.
WE'LL BE ON THE EAST SIDE.
YOU NEED ANYTHING, JUST GIVE US A YELL.


COLA
SOBA
PSHHHHT

IS THAT... MY...
CURSE!
WE
FEEL

YOU CAN'T HIDE...
ROAR
I...
...ONLY EXIST FOR THE SAKE OF KILLING YOU!

I DON'T GET WHY, BUT LOOKS LIKE AIKAWA'S THE CROSS-EYE BOSS.
WHICH MEANS...
HA HA
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
CURSE WANTS RISU'S MAGIC!
IF YOU FUCK THINGS UP, YOU COULD ERASE US RIGHT OUT OF EXISTENCE!
RISU! I FORGOT TO TELL YOU! NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS...
...DON'T INTERFERE WITH THE PEOPLE FROM THE PAST!
Got it...
Erase ?

HA HA
HA HA
BA
SH
MP

Rolls off like water, and then I kill the killer.
Of course he did. My magic deflects all attacks.
HE JUST TOOK RIGHT OFF...!
WOW.
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?
RISU... HOW...
He's afraid of me and ran here.
Before he came here, Curse killed lots of people.
AAH!

GU
LP
POP
WSH
HE SWAL-LOWED THE CASE WHOLE.
EW.

The Curse out there is inside me now.
Curse's memo-ries are my memo-ries.
The ones who killed me...
Curse will take them all.

THUK
HERE!
YOU'RE NO SORCERER. YOU'RE A FAKE.
!!
RDDDD
DDD

PRIP
THD
AK.
AND NOW YOU'RE JUST A HUMAN AGAIN.
FSSSS

He was human first.
WASN'T AIKAWA A SORCERER?
HEY. RISU.
AND WHAT'S THIS "JUST A HUMAN" THING?
WHAT THE HELL?! CURSE TOOK SOMETHING OUT OF AIKAWA'S BODY!
But...
He was created by humans.... A Frankenstein monster built from sorcerer flesh.
WHAT ?!
That ain't his biggest secret.

RISU...
SLIDE
HUH.
I GUESS THE MAN CAIMAN SAID HE SAW DEEP IN THE ALLEY WAS HIM?
EEK!
CHEW
PLUP

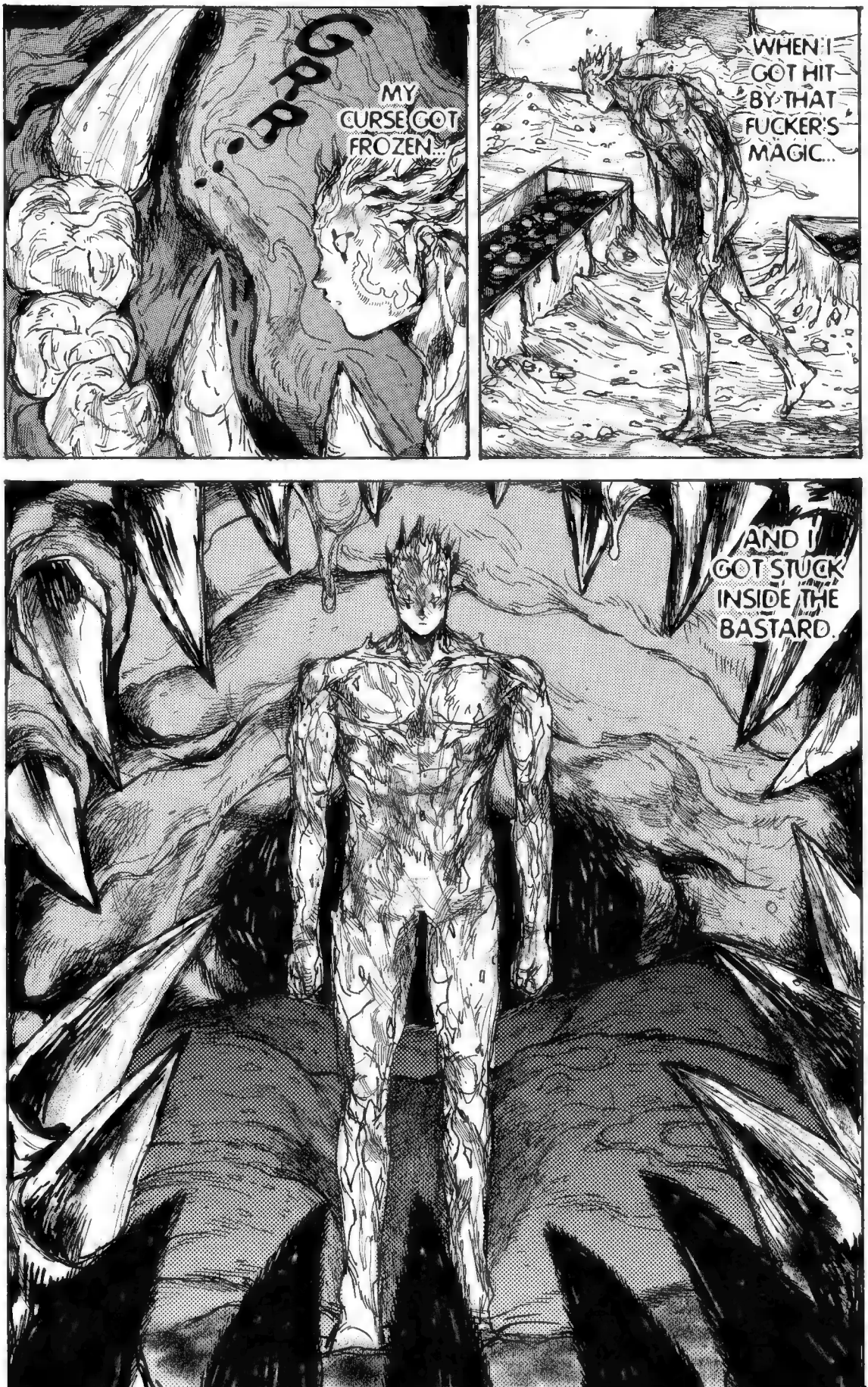
YANK
NGH...
I'LL TAKE EVERY-THING FROM YOU.
GR
SH
PP
SOLE
SKRR
RIP

PP
PU
TH
D
SPLP
SKRRRRRRR

CRNCH
PLP
I TAKE EVERY-THING FROM THE CURSED.
EVERY LAST THING.
SLRRP
GULP

HE TOOK ALL OF AIKAWA'S STUFF, AND ATE HIS HEAD. DOES THAT MEAN THE CURSE IS DONE?
!!
TCH TCH
FSHR
AL-MOST DONE ...
FSHHHH
YESSS... NOT EVEN CLOSE TO FIN-ISHED.
NOW CURSE TURNED TO SMOKE AND WENT INTO AIKAWA'S NECK!

KRAK
ROLL ROLL...
PLOP
KP
SI
GRP
THAT FACE ON THE BOTTLE... EBISU, I THINK SHE'S CALLED?
ROLL
THAT SMOKE'S BLOCKING MY MAGIC ...!
WSHH
I MISSED THE SMOKE-BOTTLE HE WAS HOLDING IN HIS HAND...
BAMF
!
ONCE IT MIXES WITH OTHER MAGIC, THOSE SPELLS WILL STOP WORKING...


GRG
MY CURSE GOT FROZEN...
WHEN I GOT HIT BY THAT FUCKER'S MAGIC...
AND I GOT STUCK INSIDE THE BASTARD.

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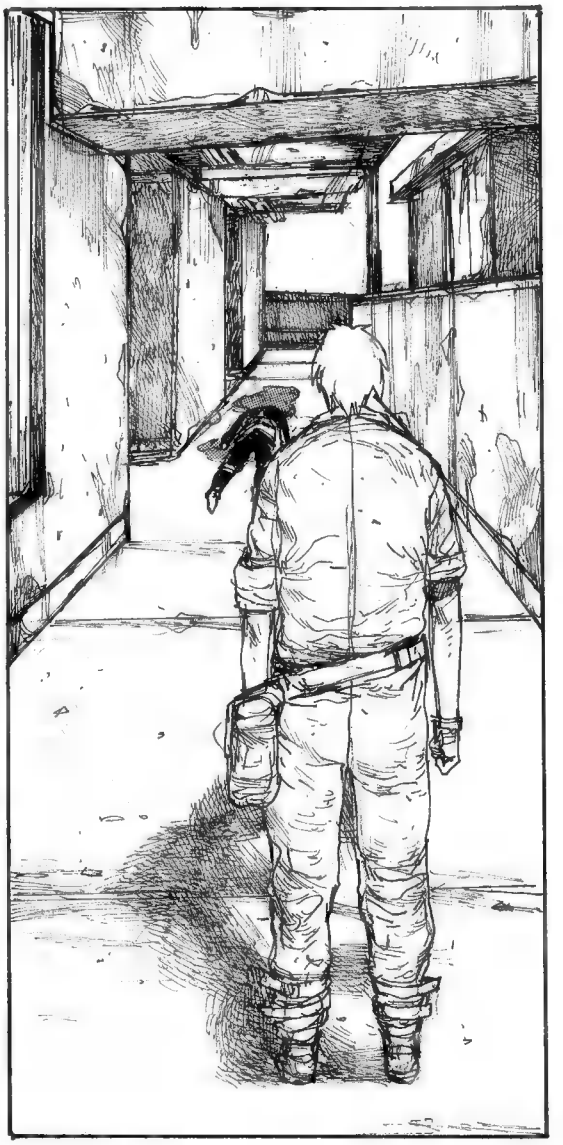
NOW I GET IT.
THE MAN INSIDE CAIMAN'S MOUTH.... HE'S WHY MAGIC DOESN'T AFFECT CAIMAN!



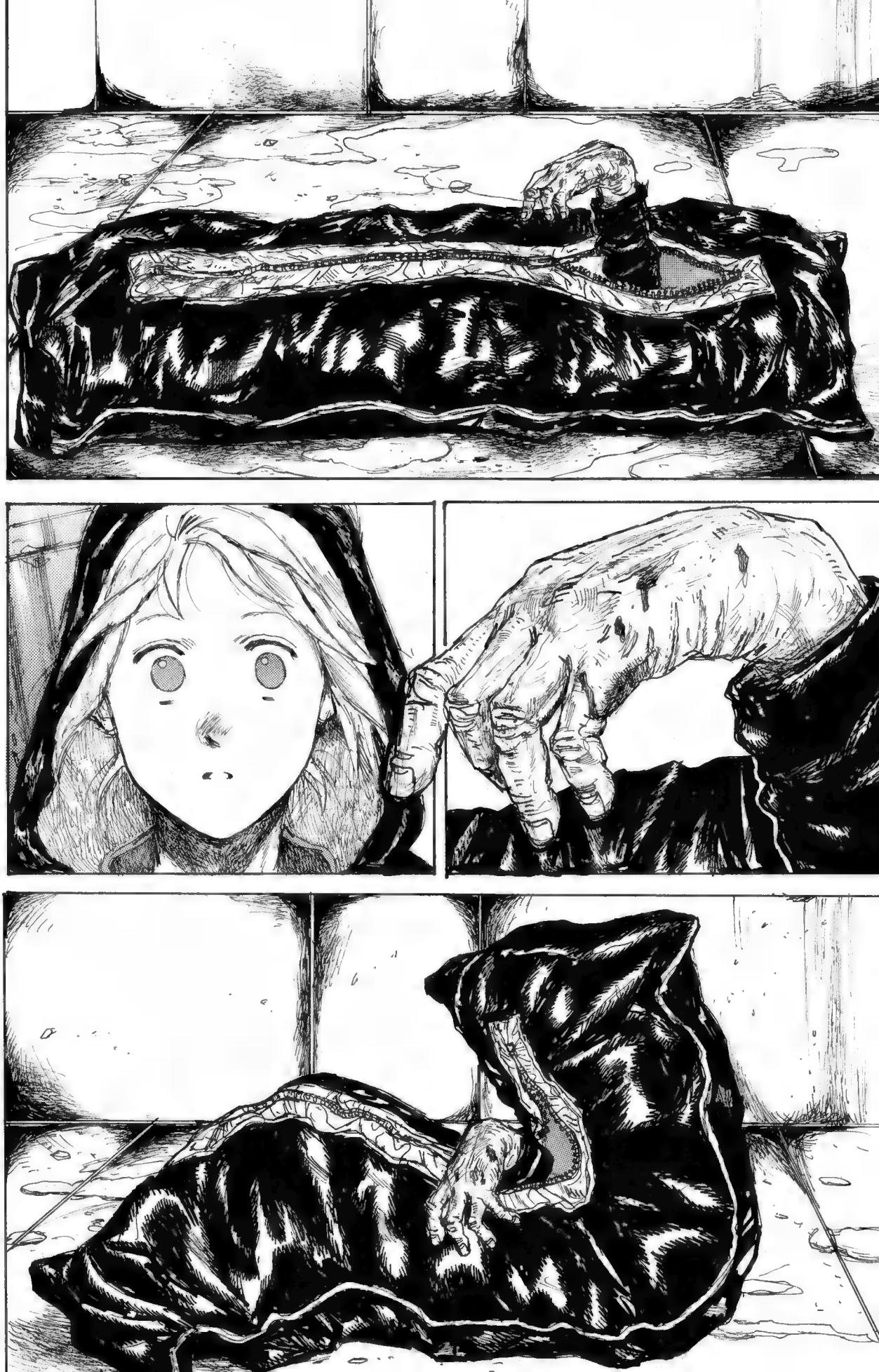
EWW. NO HEAD.
GUESS THAT MEANS NO ID'ING HIM.

THAT'S PAST-ME!
THERE'S ONE.

RSTL
RSTL
AH, WELL. I'LL TOSS HIM IN A BODY BAG.

SURE FEELS WEIRD.
EH, RISU?
THERE I GO. I WAS SO CAREFREE BACK THEN...
BETTER CALL SOME-ONE...
DASH
I-IT'S OKAY... DON'T FREAK OUT...
AAH!
...
I B-BET HE'S GOT SOME RARE STUFF...
ZIP
B-BETTER CHECK THE CORPSE BEFORE SOMEONE TAKES IT.
GYUTCH!
J-JOHNSON! THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I EVER SAW SORCERERS FIGHT!
!!

RSTL
RISU! COOL IT, MAN!
WHOA.
HUH?
DASH
EEK!
I-I-I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING!
SIGH ...
GUESS HE DID SEE ME.



THIS WAY!
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANYONE ON THE MISSING PERSONS LIST, BUT...
TMP!!
WHAT THE HELL? WHERE'S THE HEADLESS CORPSE?
GOD-DAMN IT!
FMP
QUIT FUCKING AROUND! SHOW ME YOUR FACE!

Now I remember!
Who he IS!
CAIMAN...

SPELL 96
FREE HOSPITAL

I SEE.
BLUBB
BLUBB
BLUBB
BLUBB
HUNGRY BUG
HUNGRY BUG
SO AIKAWA IS THE BIG BOSS OF THE CROSS-EYES.
YEAH. BUT NOW I'M EVEN MORE CONFUSED THAN EVER.
HOW DID AIKAWA GET TO BE THEIR BOSS?
HOW'D HIS HEAD GROW BACK LIKE THAT?

SAID HE REMEMBERED WHO HE WAS.
BUT RISU SAW SOMETHING INSIDE AIKAWA.
I HOPE HE'S OK. HE FLIPPED FOR A BIT THERE. MORPHED INTO SOMETHING.
HE'S SLEEPING UPSTAIRS. I'M GONNA ASK HIM WHEN HE GETS UP...
WHATEVER THE CASE, LOOKS LIKE RISU'S STUCK UNTIL HE KILLS AIKAWA.
MAKE A CURSE, DIG A HOLE FOR YOURSELF AS WELL.
THE CURSE-MAGIC PROBABLY STARTED AFFECTING RISU WHEN IT GOT STUCK WITH NOWHERE TO GO. LIKE THE OLD SAYING...

I DON'T BELIEVE RISU REALLY WANTS TO KILL AIKAWA.
AND I WANT TO STOP HIM, ANYWAY.
BUT AIKAWA IS CAIMAN...
BAMBAM
SPIDER GYOZA
HEY! NIKAIDO!
POOR NIKAIDO ...
HEARD YOU'RE BACK. WANT TO BUY ANY-THING?
LONG TIME NO SEE.
LEAP
WHO'S THERE ?!
TAKE IT EASY. HE'S THE GROCERY MAN.

I ASSUME YOU TAKE GOLD?
NO HOLE MONEY, ANYWAY.
NOT A CENT ON ME.
SORRY, BUT I'M TAPPED OUT!
SURE. JUST MAKE ME SOMETHING.
ASU, IS THAT OK?
WOW.
THEY'RE INSCRIBED WITH SYMBOLS OF THE DIFFERENT REALMS THAT CHIDARUMA RULES.
DEVILS DON'T CARE ABOUT MONEY, BUT CHIDARUMA LOVES HIS BLING-BLING.
IT'S DEVIL MONEY. CHIDARUMA MINTED IT WAY BACK.
NEVER SEEN A GOLD COIN BEFORE.

THERE ARE THREE KINDS, I GUESS— HELL, SORCERER'S WORLD, AND THE HOLE.
HE MADE 'EM MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO SO EVEN HE DOESN'T REMEMBER ANYMORE.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THE SYMBOL IS.
I DON'T EITHER.
HUH.
HUH?
SHEK
SHEK
SHEK

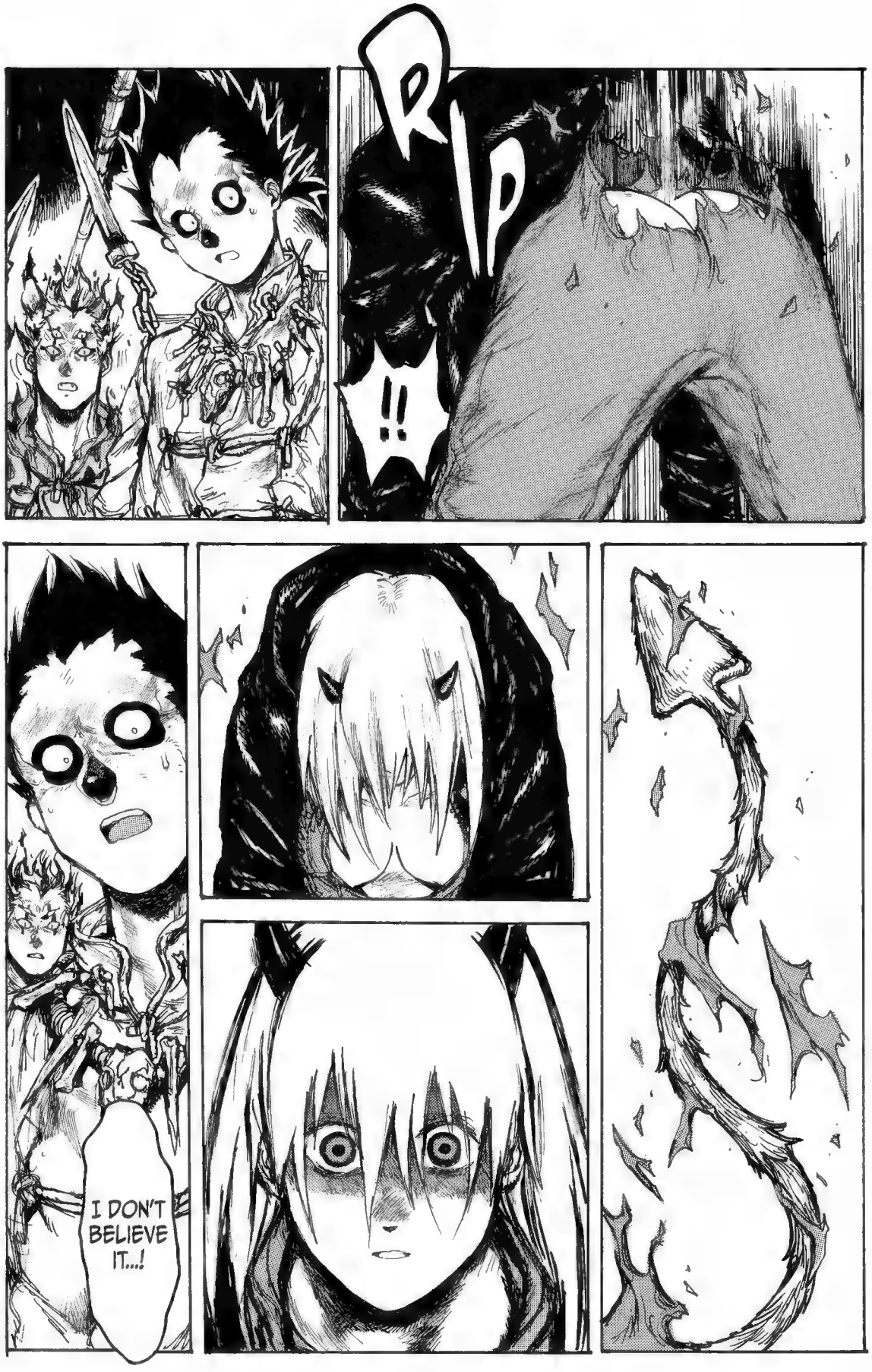
YOU LOOK A LITTLE RED, NIKAIDO.
YEAH.
I'VE FELT HOT EVER SINCE THE ALLEY...
I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THIS.
YEAH. I BETTER CHECK ON RISU.
YOU'RE BURNING UP. YOU OK?

SIGH. I REALLY GOTTA FIX THIS DOOR.
YOU OK?
NIKAI-DO...
NGH ...
RISU?
TO KILL THAT FUCKER.
YOU KNOW.
WHERE YOU GOING?
NGH...

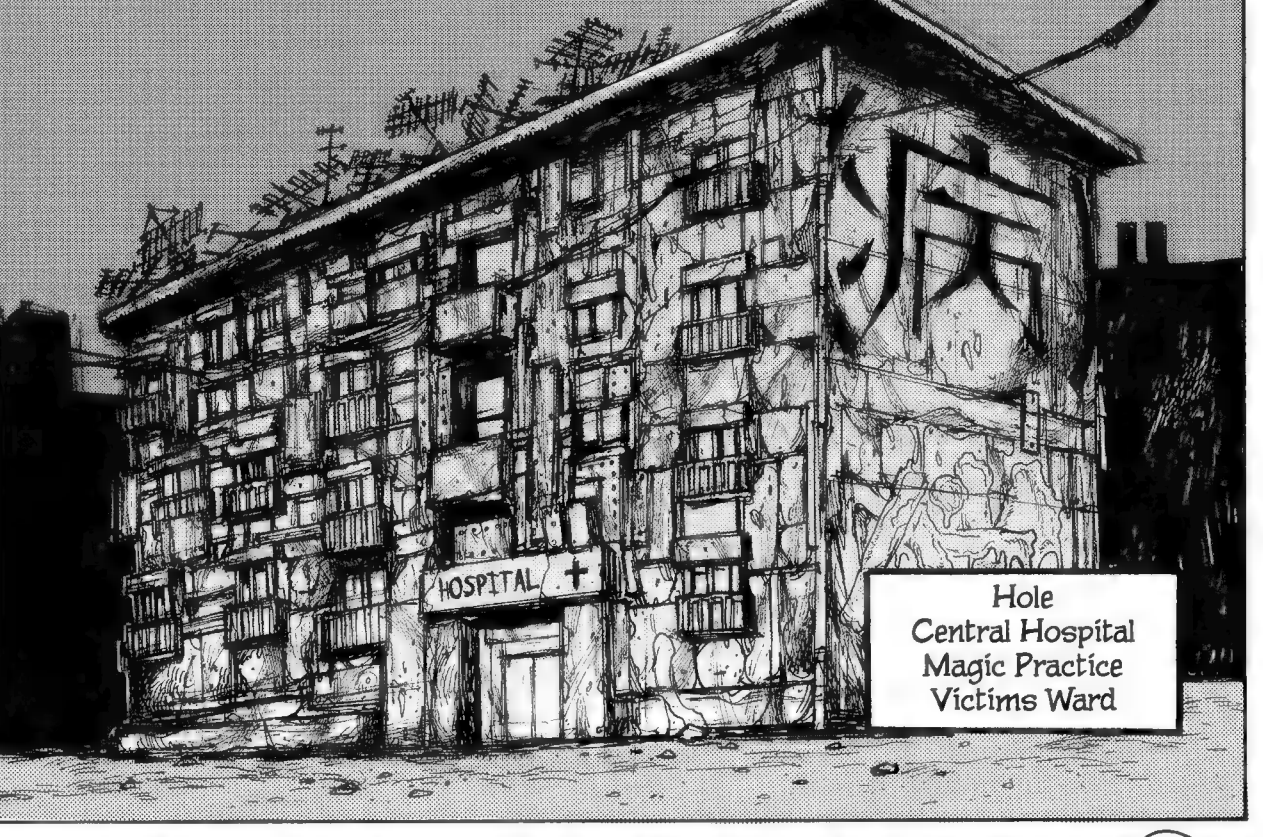
NO!
THERE'S GOT TO BE ANOTHER WAY! ASU AND I CAN HELP...
...!!!
KRAK
MOVE!
NGH...
THDD

AT-TACKING CURSE ...?!
HOW'RE YOU NOT DEAD?!
I WOULDN'T HAVE USED A RADISH!
BECAUSE IF I WANTED TO KILL YOU...
KNOCK IT OFF!
K-R
A
K
OUT OF MY WAY.
SHUT THE HELL UP!
I'll kill you too!
SHOW SOME GRATI-TUDE!
YOU'RE SUPER LUCKY TO HAVE THE LIKES OF ME AN' NIKAIDO LOOKING OUT FOR YOU!
AAAH!
HA HA HA. BRING IT ON, BRIGHT EYES.
YOU? KILL ME?

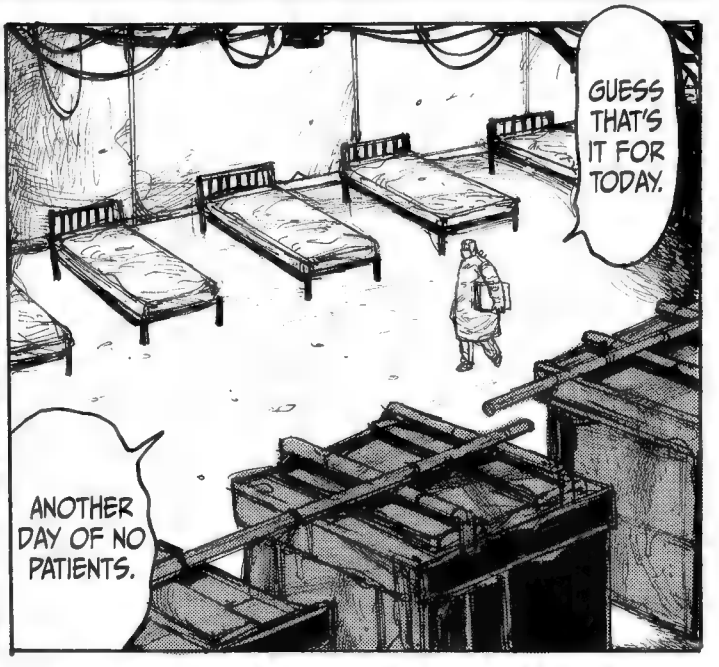
WHAT'S WRONG?
NGAH!
AAH!
HAHH, HAHH...

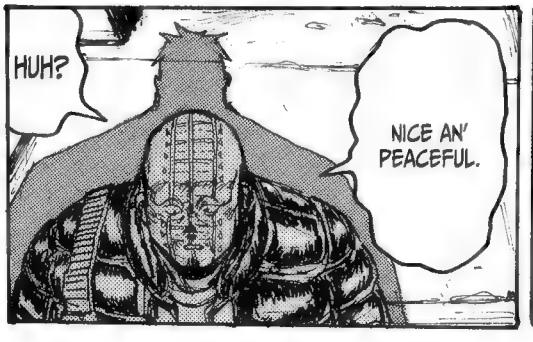

RIP
!!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT...!

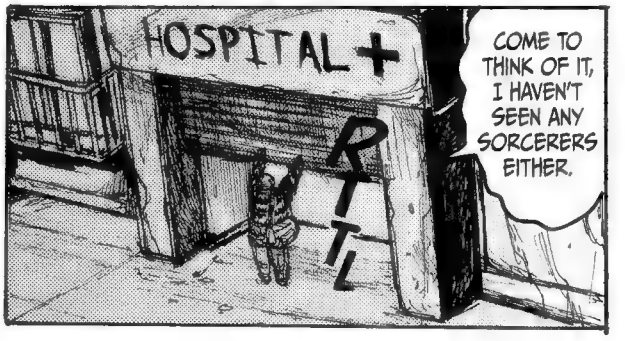
YOU'RE TURNING DEVIL!

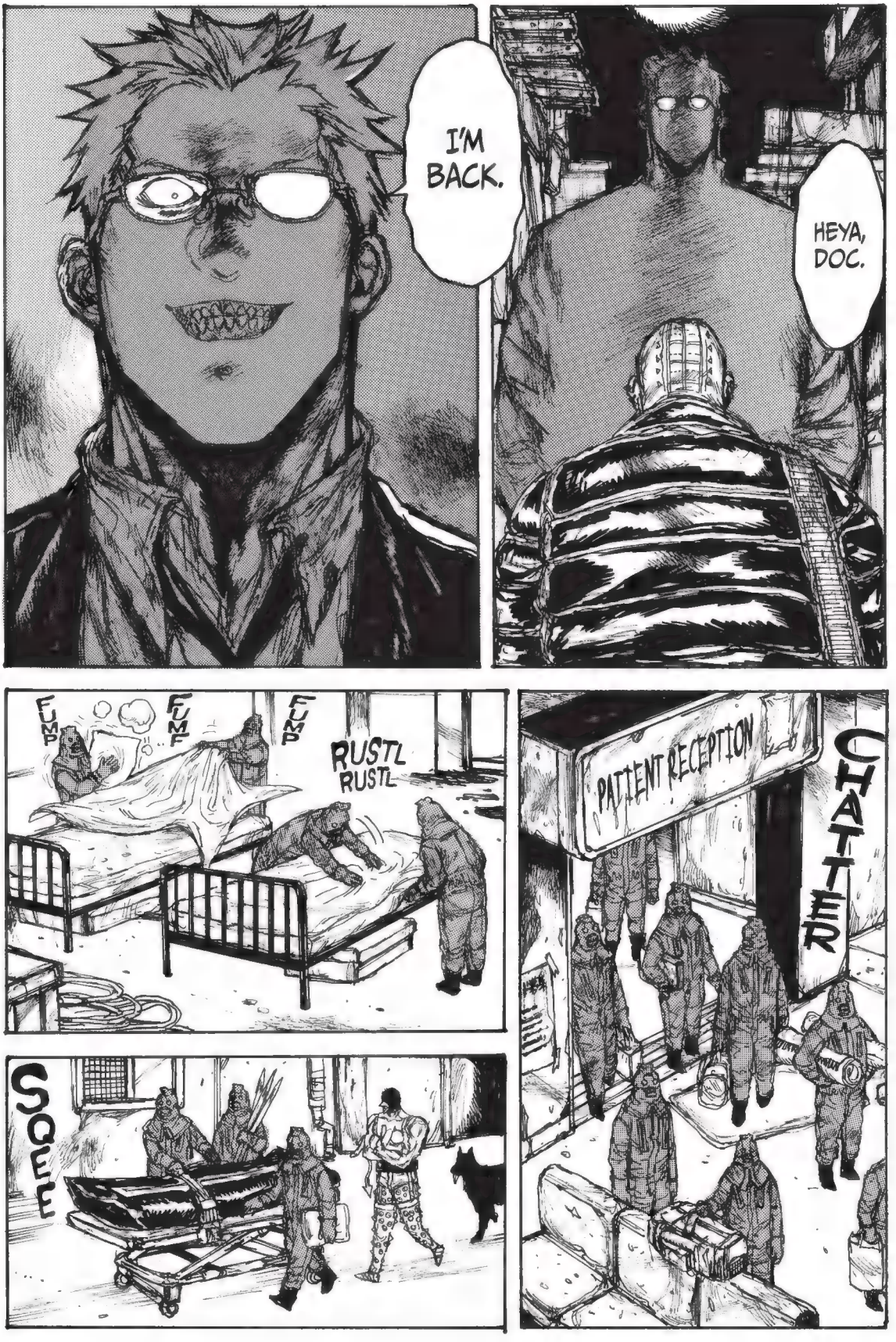

HOSPITAL
Hole
Central Hospital
Magic Practice
Victims Ward

NO CAIMAN, EITHER. IT'S SO QUIET.


GUESS THAT'S IT FOR TODAY.
ANOTHER DAY OF NO PATIENTS.


HUH?
NICE AN' PEACEFUL.


HOSPITAL
COME TO THINK OF IT, I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY SORCERERS EITHER.


I'M BACK.
HEYA, DOC.
FUMP
FUMF
FUMP
RUSTL
RUSTL
PATIENT RECEPTION
CHATTER
SQEE

EN...
MORGUE
YOU WATCH OVER HIM GOOD!!
WOOF
BUT HANG ON FOR ME, OKAY?
IT'LL BE A LITTLE LONELY, I KNOW...
GAB GAB CHATTER
CAFETERIA

BUT WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
A HOSPITAL FOR PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN USED BY SORCERERS FOR PRACTICE.
PRETTY DRAB BUILDING. PERFECT FOR A HIDEOUT.
GOOD JOB, SHIN.
I SEE! WELL, HAVE NO FEAR. WE'RE FAR BEYOND THE LEVEL OF NEEDING PRACTICE!
THEY'RE LACKEY CLOTHES! HEE, HEE, HEE...
NONE OF THESE CLOTHES FIT US.
HEH HEH
WE'LL MAKE IT WORTH YOUR WHILE.
SORRY, DOC, BUT WE NEED YOUR HOSPITAL FOR A BIT.
BOSS...

I'M TOO FULL-FIGURED AN' SHE'S TOO DAMN SKINNY.
I'M "GOIN' COMMANDO"!
HEE HEE
TCH TCH
SHVR SHVR
AN' THE GUYS WE TOOK 'EM FROM ARE SUFFERIN', TOO.
THINK OF ONE AS A MAN AND THE OTHER AS A KID.
I DON'T HAVE ANY GIRLS' CLOTHES.
GOT ANYTHING FOR THEM TO WEAR, DOC?
WELL, THIS IS A HOSPITAL.
ALL THIS SHIT'S SO LIGHT AND THIN!
SHVR SHVR SHVR
WELL, YOU'RE WELCOME TO ANY-THING IN HERE.

WORMS
88
HUH?
CENTRAL WORMS!
HA HEE HEE HEE
THMP THMP
OOH, THIS LOOKS GOOD.
SHFL SHFL
BUT THAT'S...
HEE, HEE, HEE!
FIND ANY-THING?
THERE YOU ARE!
SURE IS!
PRETTY COOL, HUH?
MAYBE THERE'S A DEVIL AROUND...
I SHOULDA' KNOWN HUMAN CLOTHES WOULD SUCK. AND WITHOUT A MASK I CAN'T GET IN THE MOOD.

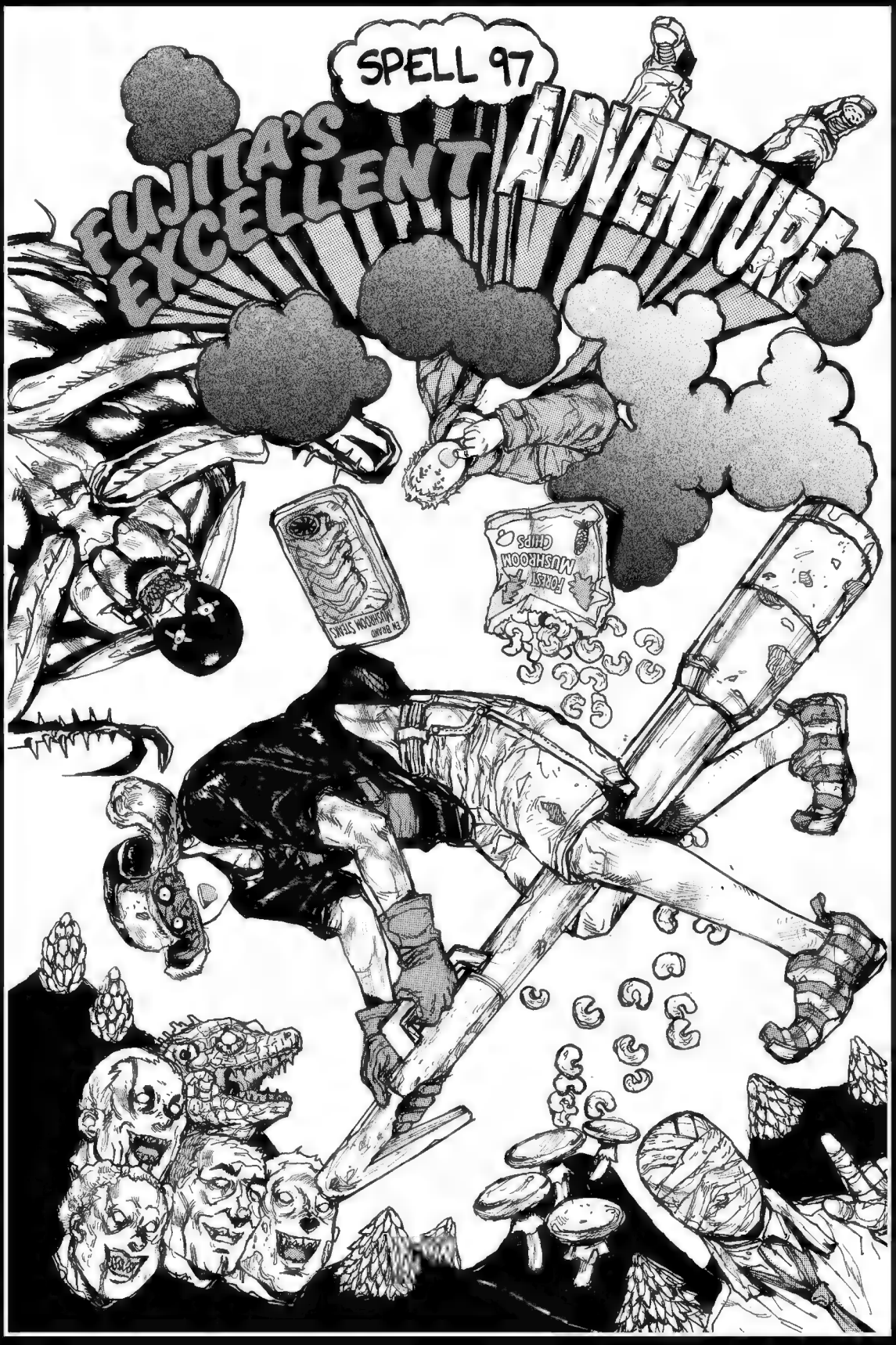
WHAT IS IT, BOSS?
HEY! EVERY-ONE!
COME QUICKLY!
!!
KSHSSSSSS
HERE?!
CROSS-EYES?!
A DOOR?!
KLANK
EVERY-ONE, STAND BACK.

Huh?
SLAM
KREEE
WHOA!
PROFESSOR KASUKABE?!
What's the En Family doing here?!
HARU!
GAH HEE HEE HEE
SMAK SMAK
I KNOW YOU!
Ah, you're Haze's friends.

ZZZIP
STOMP
WSST
SHP
SNAP
SLIP
STOMP

ALL RIGHT!

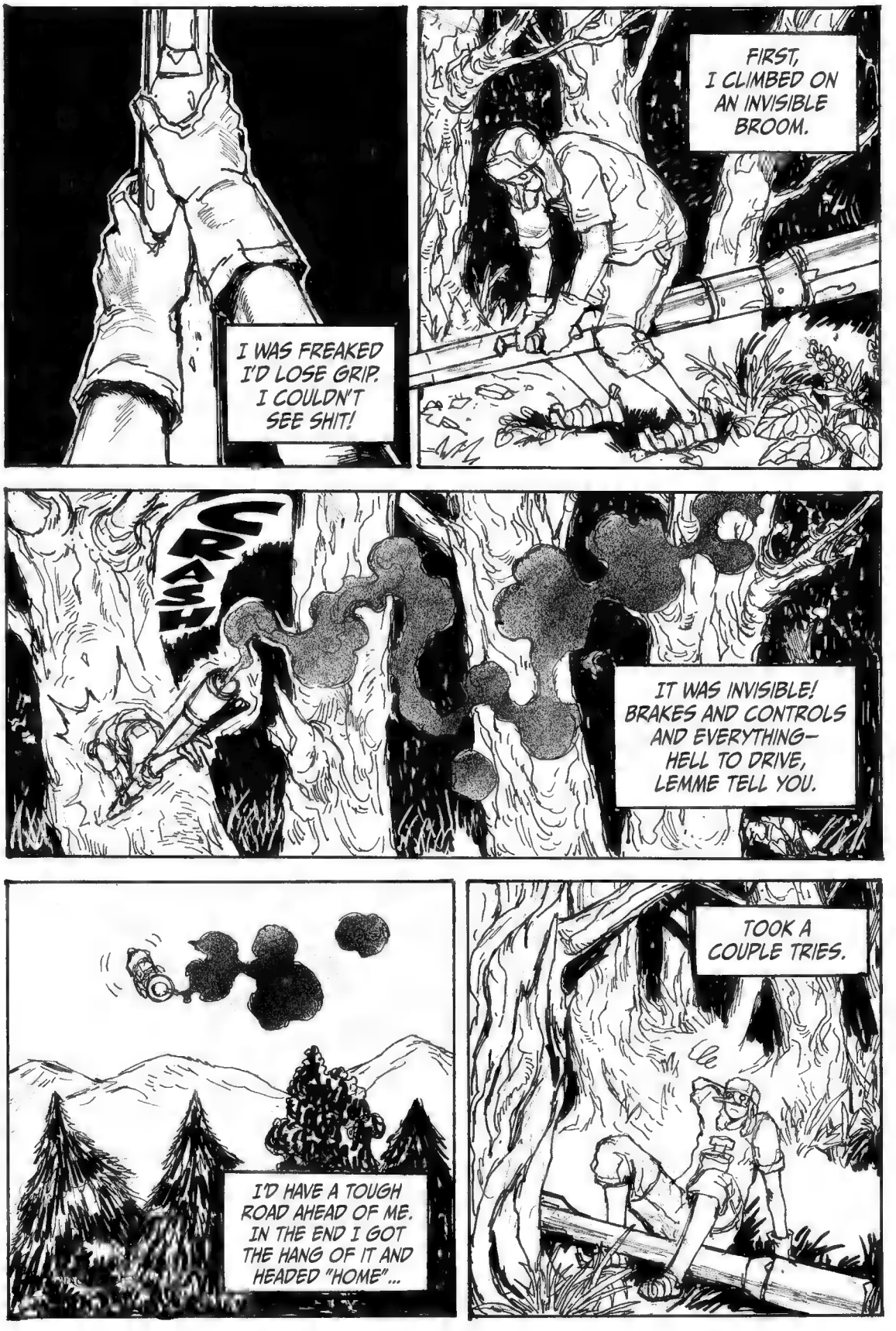
Now bow.
GRRR.. I KNEW SHE'D GET TO THIS PART...
NOI
Behold a Devil's absolute power!
CLOTHES, TOO!
THANK YOU, HARU!
HUH?
MAGICAL RETRO-VIRAL
I'M... A KID AGAIN?
PRO-FESSOR! YOU OK?
DOC VAUX!
FARE-WELL, MOMEN-TARY SANITY...
IS HOW PUMPED THOSE GUYS ARE NOW.
WHAT WORRIES ME MORE ...


SPELL 97
FUJITA'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE
FOREST MUSHROOM CHIPS

I'VE JUST BEEN "DISAPPEARED."
I'M SCARED.
TURNING INVISIBLE IS EVEN WEIRDER THAN I IMAGINED.
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE INVISIBLE, I KNOW WHERE YOU ARE, FUJITA.
SHO CAN TELL WHERE I AM, IT SEEMS.
REMEMBER! ON THIS MISSION, NO TALKING, NO TOUCHING, NO BREAKING! THEM'S THE RULES!
NORMALLY YOUR BROW AND YOUR NOSE ARE IN THE WAY, BUT WHEN THEY GO INVISIBLE, IT'S LIKE YOU'RE WATCHING A TV SCREEN.
I'M OVER HERE, SHO.
BE BRAVE, FUJITA!
FIRST OFF, YOUR FIELD OF VISION FEELS WAY WIDER. LIKE...

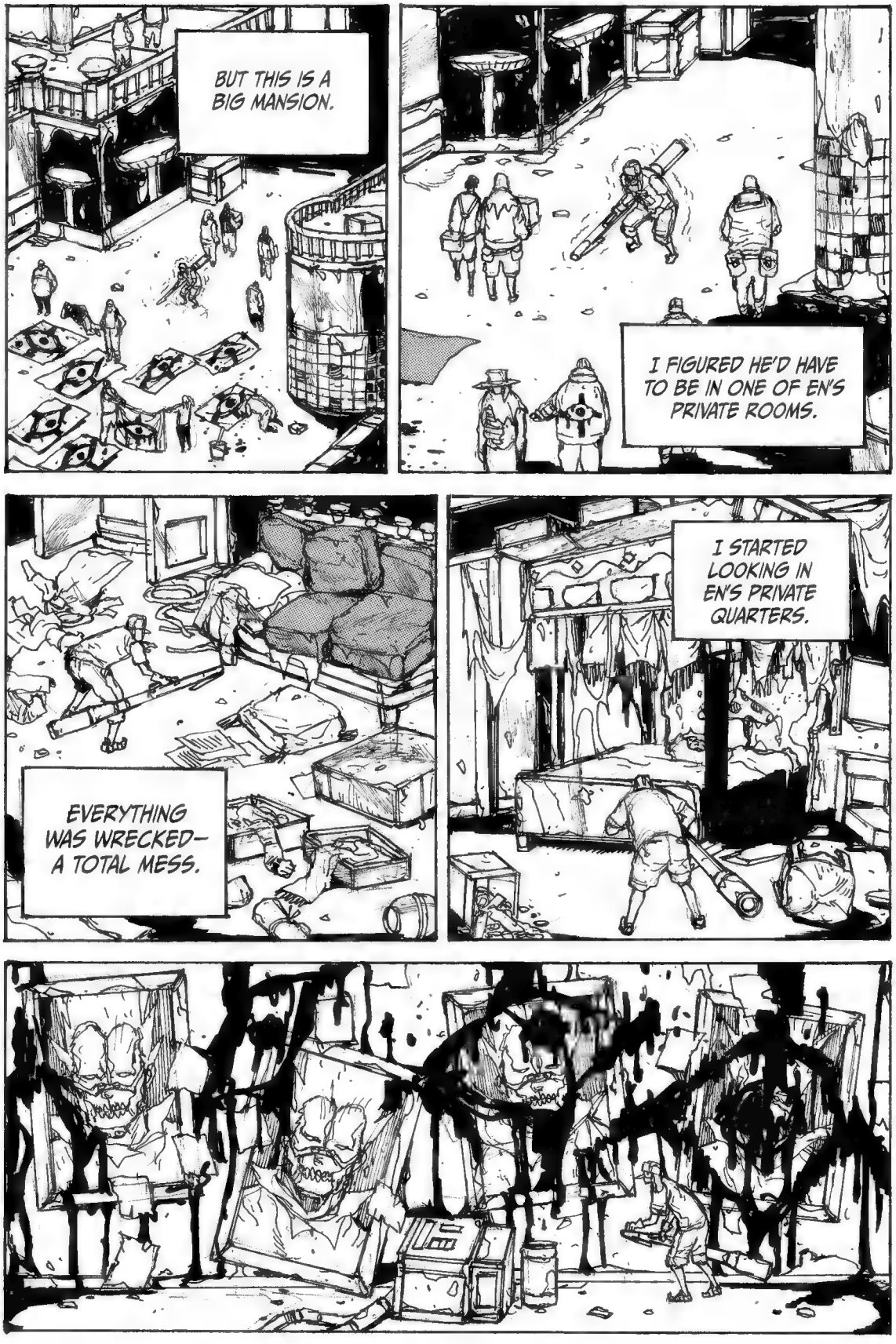
YOU EVEN FEEL LIKE YOUR BODY'S LIGHTER.
WHEN YOU CAN'T SEE YOUR OWN BODY IT'S LIKE YOU'RE FLOATING IN SPACE.
THE FURTHER I GOT FROM SHO, THE MORE NERVOUS I GOT.
I REMEMBER THIS BOOK AS A KID— A GUY WHO GOT SUPER-CONFIDENT AFTER HE TURNED INVISIBLE AND STARTED DOIN' ALL SORTS OF BAD STUFF.
ME?! BUT STILL...
I MEAN, AM I REALLY GOIN' TO BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING?

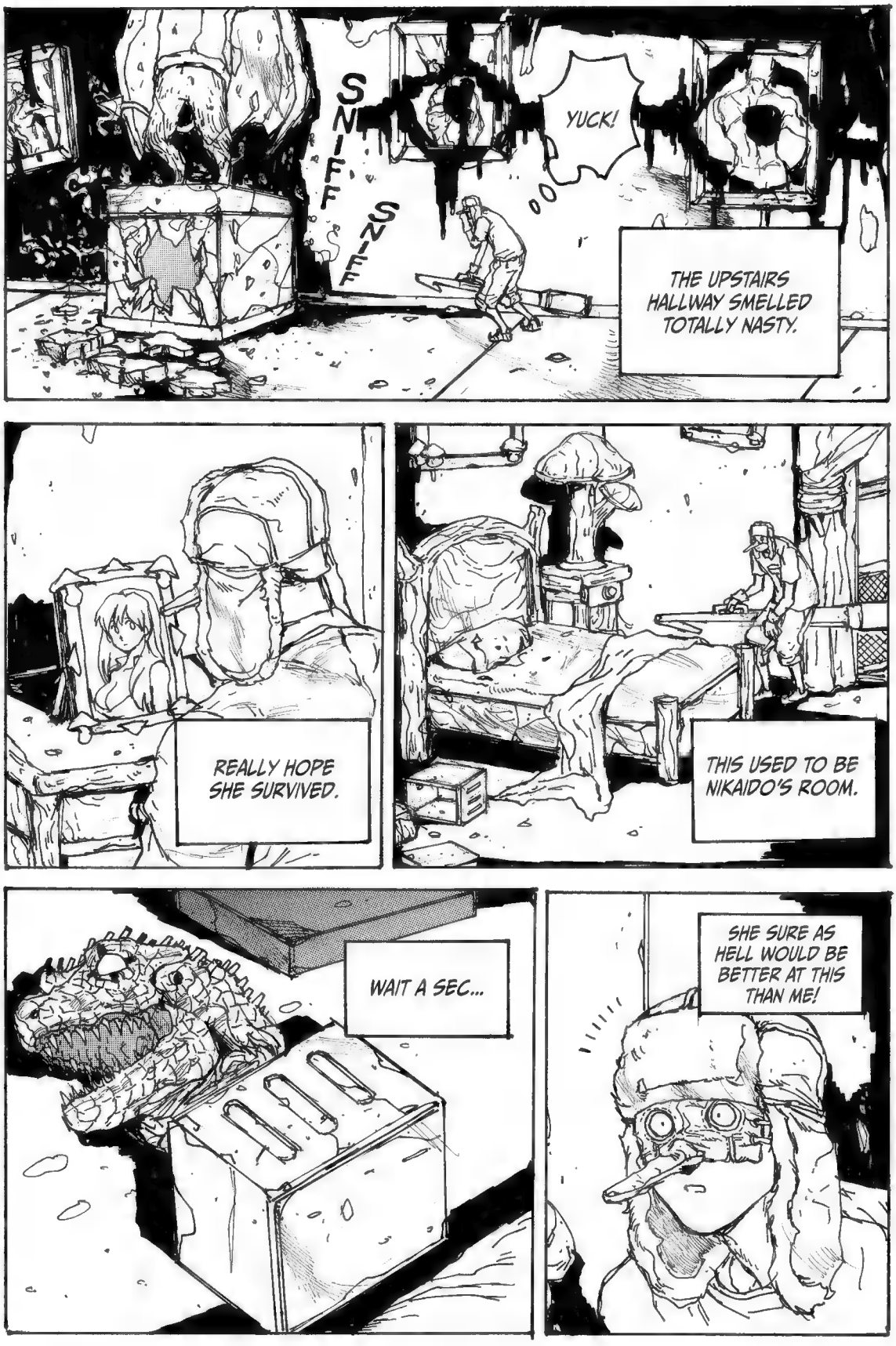
I GOTTA DO WHAT I CAN DO.
FUJITA'S ADVENTURE STARTS HERE!
SO!


I WAS FREAKED I'D LOSE GRIP. I COULDN'T SEE SHIT!
FIRST, I CLIMBED ON AN INVISIBLE BROOM.
CRASH
IT WAS INVISIBLE! BRAKES AND CONTROLS AND EVERYTHING— HELL TO DRIVE, LEMME TELL YOU.
I'D HAVE A TOUGH ROAD AHEAD OF ME. IN THE END I GOT THE HANG OF IT AND HEADED "HOME"...
TOOK A COUPLE TRIES.

TO EN'S MANSION.
INSIDE, THE CROSS-EYES WERE JUST HANGING OUT.
I LANDED WHERE NOBODY WAS AROUND.
SO SCARED I WAS SHAKING...
I COULDN'T HELP IT. I HID IN THE SHADOWS.

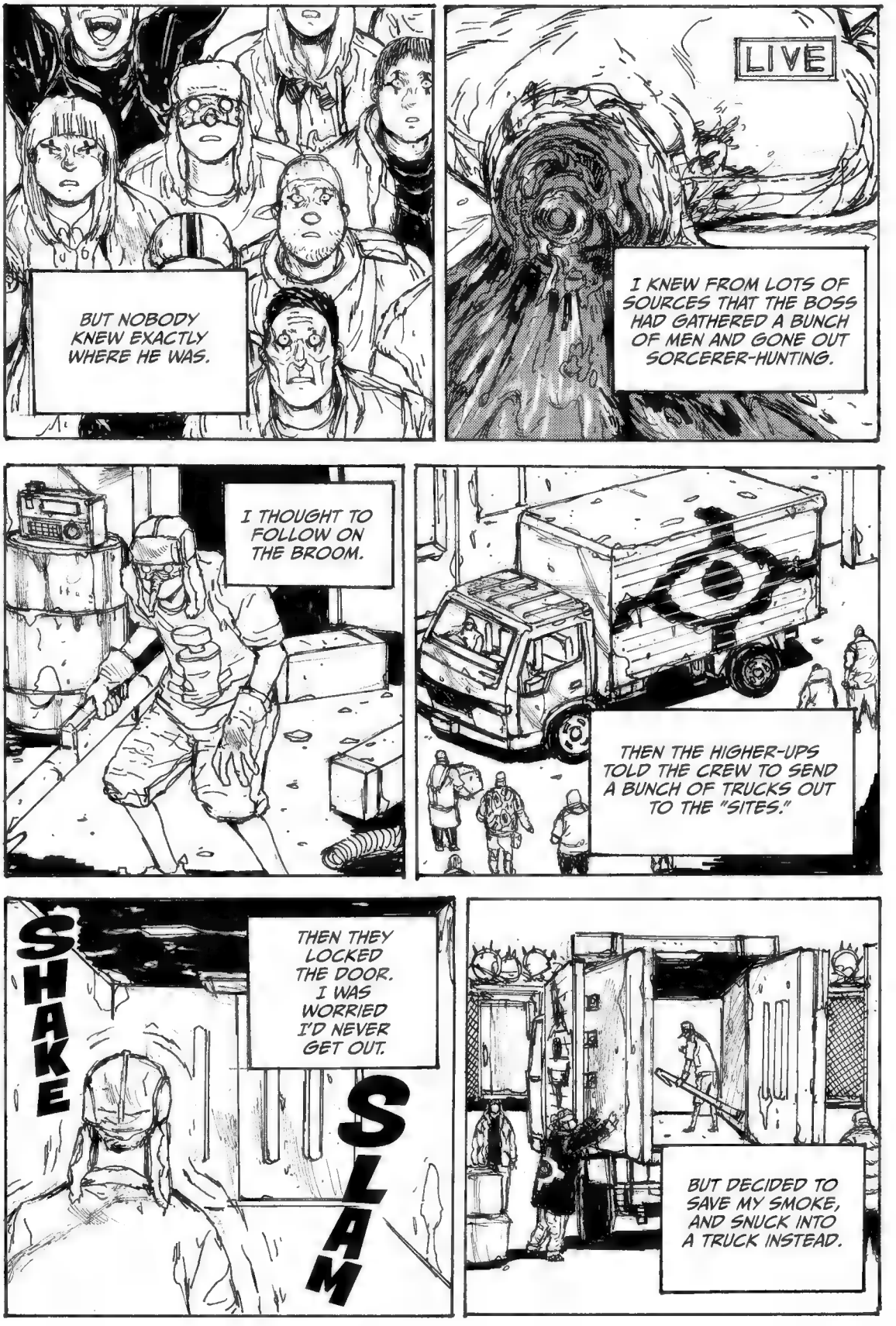
LEAP
I MADE MYSELF WALK RIGHT OUT IN FRONT OF HIM.
AFTER A WHILE A WEAK-LOOKING ONE WALKED BY.
EVEN WHEN I MADE FUNNY FACES, TO BE CERTAIN.
HE DIDN'T SEEM TO NOTICE ME.
THAT'S WHEN I KNEW I COULD DO THIS! I STARTED LOOKING FOR THE BOSS.
BUT HE JUST KEPT ON WALKING.


BUT THIS IS A BIG MANSION.
I FIGURED HE'D HAVE TO BE IN ONE OF EN'S PRIVATE ROOMS.
EVERYTHING WAS WRECKED— A TOTAL MESS.
I STARTED LOOKING IN EN'S PRIVATE QUARTERS.

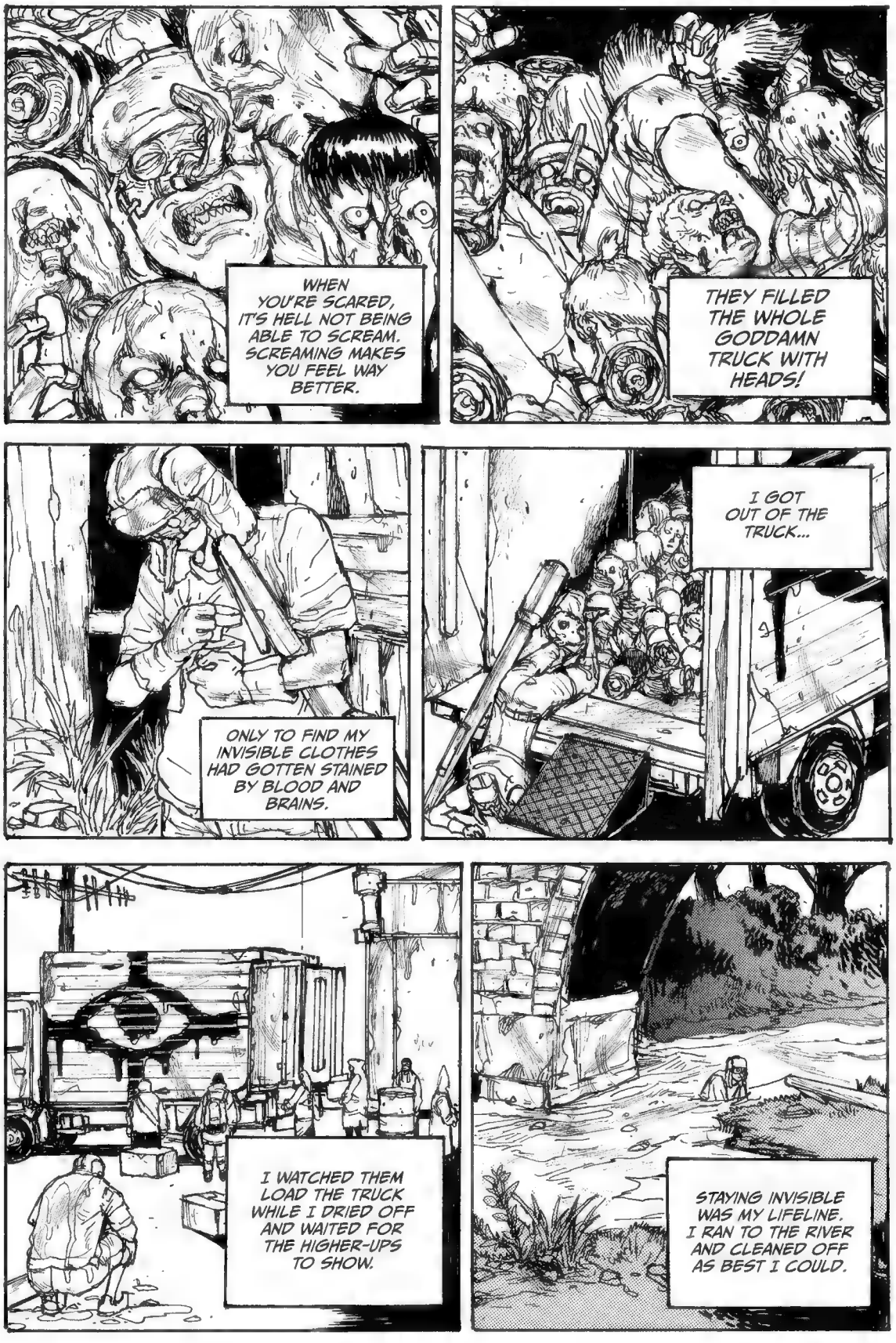

SNIFF SNIFF
YUCK!
THE UPSTAIRS HALLWAY SMELLED TOTALLY NASTY.
REALLY HOPE SHE SURVIVED.
THIS USED TO BE NIKAIDO'S ROOM.
WAIT A SEC...
SHE SURE AS HELL WOULD BE BETTER AT THIS THAN ME!

THE HEAD OF THAT LIZARD FUCKER!
THE ONE EN HAD!
THEM'S THE RULES!
BUT...
I REMEMBERED WHAT SHO HAD SAID.
I WANTED TO RIP THE SHIT OUT OF THE THING.
REVENGE FOR MATSUMURA!
BUT I COULDN'T FIND ANY SIGN OF THEIR BOSS.
WHAT'LL I DO?
FUCK IT. WHEN EN TAKES THE MANSION BACK I'LL CHUCK THE FUCKING THING INTO THE INCINERATOR MYSELF.

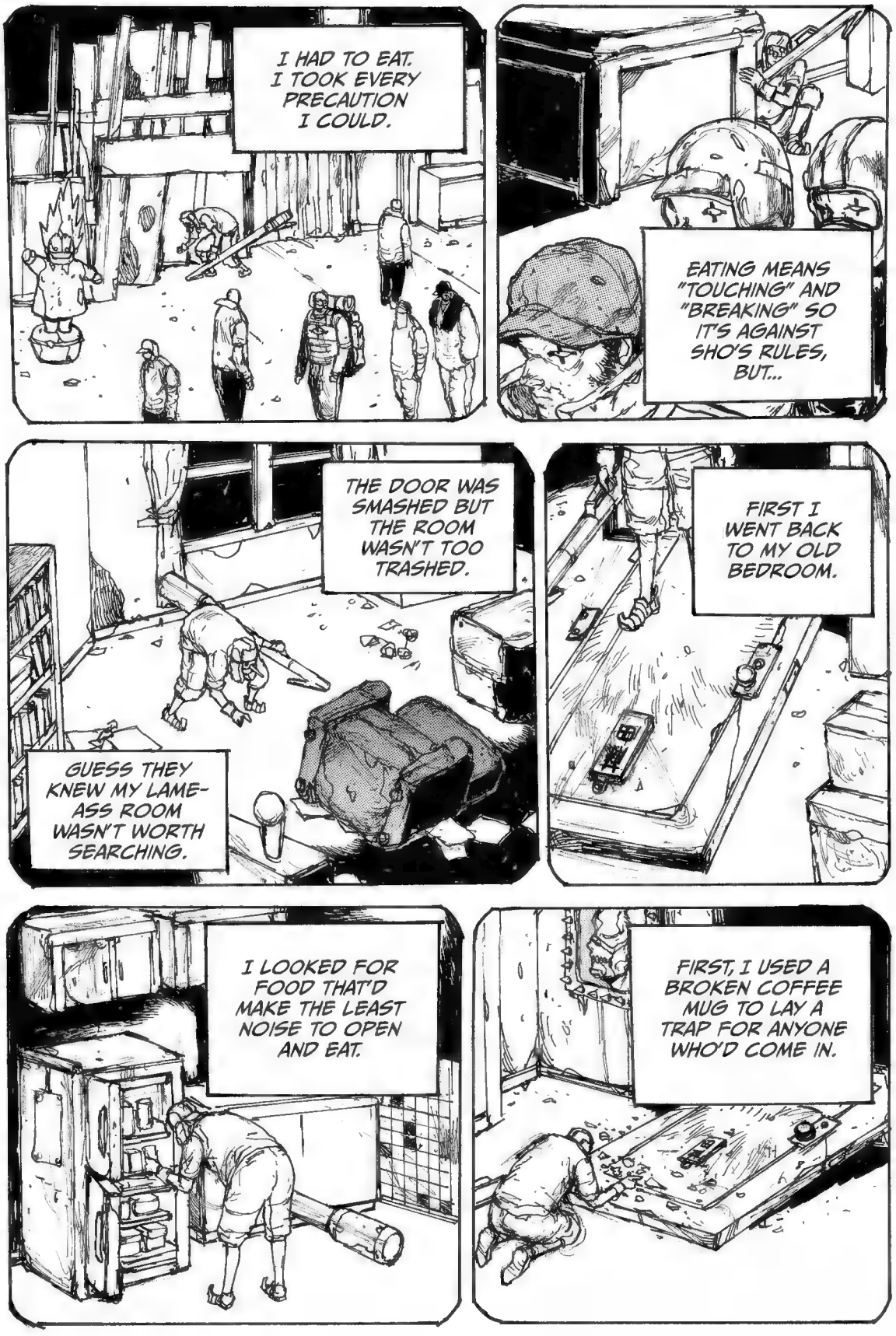
LISTENING TO THEIR CHATTER...
I STARTED HANGING AROUND THE CROSS-EYES TO GET SOME INFO.
I WAS A GOOD SPY. I LEARNED TONS OF STUFF.
LIVE
The Cross-Eyes have started indiscriminately killing citizens...
LIVE
THEN THE TVS AND RADIOS STARTED GOIN' NUTS.


BUT NOBODY KNEW EXACTLY WHERE HE WAS.
LIVE
I KNEW FROM LOTS OF SOURCES THAT THE BOSS HAD GATHERED A BUNCH OF MEN AND GONE OUT SORCERER-HUNTING.
I THOUGHT TO FOLLOW ON THE BROOM.
THEN THE HIGHER-UPS TOLD THE CREW TO SEND A BUNCH OF TRUCKS OUT TO THE "SITES."
SHAKE
THEN THEY LOCKED THE DOOR. I WAS WORRIED I'D NEVER GET OUT.
SLAM
BUT DECIDED TO SAVE MY SMOKE, AND SNUCK INTO A TRUCK INSTEAD.

I STARTED HYPERVENTILATING.
HAHH
AH...
AH...
HAHH
AH...
AH...
STARVED TO DEATH INSIDE A TRUCK, INVISIBLE...
OKAY! LOAD 'ER UP!
BUT!
PHEW
BUT THE DOOR OPENED AGAIN RIGHT AWAY.
CREEE
AGHHH!!
TMBL TMBL TMBL
TUNK
FUCK ME!!


WHEN YOU'RE SCARED, IT'S HELL NOT BEING ABLE TO SCREAM. SCREAMING MAKES YOU FEEL WAY BETTER.
THEY FILLED THE WHOLE GODDAMN TRUCK WITH HEADS!
ONLY TO FIND MY INVISIBLE CLOTHES HAD GOTTEN STAINED BY BLOOD AND BRAINS.
I GOT OUT OF THE TRUCK...
I WATCHED THEM LOAD THE TRUCK WHILE I DRIED OFF AND WAITED FOR THE HIGHER-UPS TO SHOW.
STAYING INVISIBLE WAS MY LIFELINE. I RAN TO THE RIVER AND CLEANED OFF AS BEST I COULD.

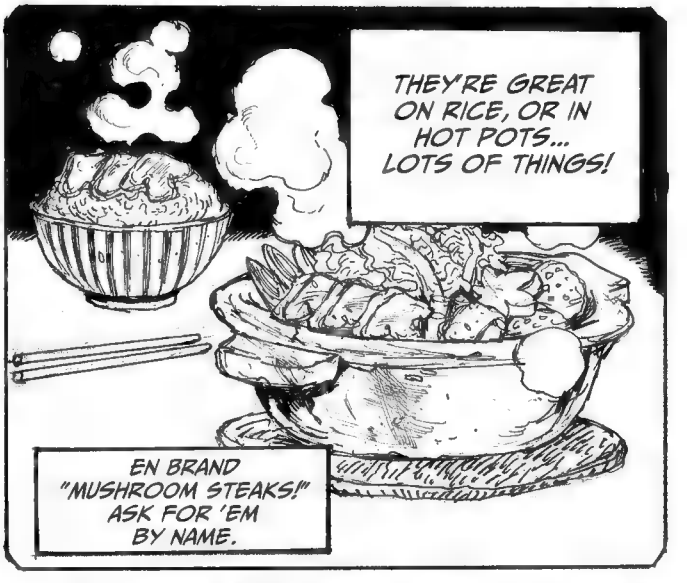
THEY CALLED HIM TON. HE WAS THERE WHEN WE RESCUED JUDAS'S EAR.
MNCHMNCH
MAYBE IT'S FATE.
LOAD 'EM UP, BOYS!
FOREST MUSHROOM
THERE'S ONE! I REMEMBER THIS GUY'S FACE.
EATING IS SCARY AS HELL.
BACK AT THE MANSION I WAS STARVING SO I DECIDED TO EAT SOMETHING.
LEMME TALK ABOUT FOOD FOR A SEC—
HE'S ALWAYS STUFFING HIS FACE. I NEVER IMAGINED HOW IMPORTANT FOOD WOULD BE FOR ME.

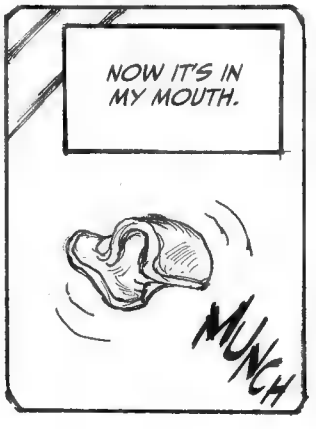

I HAD TO EAT. I TOOK EVERY PRECAUTION I COULD.
EATING MEANS "TOUCHING" AND "BREAKING" SO IT'S AGAINST SHO'S RULES, BUT...
THE DOOR WAS SMASHED BUT THE ROOM WASN'T TOO TRASHED.
GUESS THEY KNEW MY LAME-ASS ROOM WASN'T WORTH SEARCHING.
FIRST I WENT BACK TO MY OLD BEDROOM.
I LOOKED FOR FOOD THAT'D MAKE THE LEAST NOISE TO OPEN AND EAT.
FIRST, I USED A BROKEN COFFEE MUG TO LAY A TRAP FOR ANYONE WHO'D COME IN.

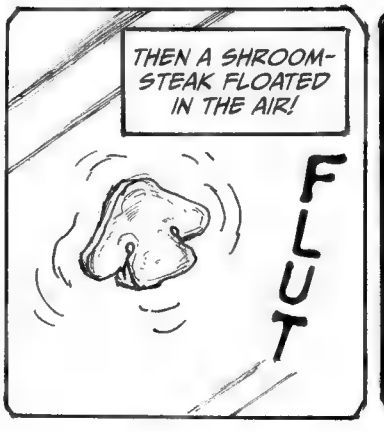
WE'D GOTTEN TONS OF SAMPLES. OF COURSE THEY TASTE BETTER FRIED BUT I HAD TO EAT 'EM AS IS.
EN BRAND
MUSHROOM STEAKS
SAMPLE

GOTCHA! EN BRAND "MUSHROOM STEAKS!"
EN BRAND
MUSHROOM STEAKS

JUST TO MAKE SURE, I ATE IN FRONT OF A MIRROR TO SEE HOW IT LOOKED.


THEY'RE GREAT ON RICE, OR IN HOT POTS... LOTS OF THINGS!
EN BRAND "MUSHROOM STEAKS!" ASK FOR 'EM BY NAME.


NOW IT'S IN MY MOUTH.
MUNCH


THEN A SHROOM-STEAK FLOATED IN THE AIR!
FLUT

I COULDN'T SEE MYSELF. IT WAS WEIRD, LIKE IT WASN'T A MIRROR.

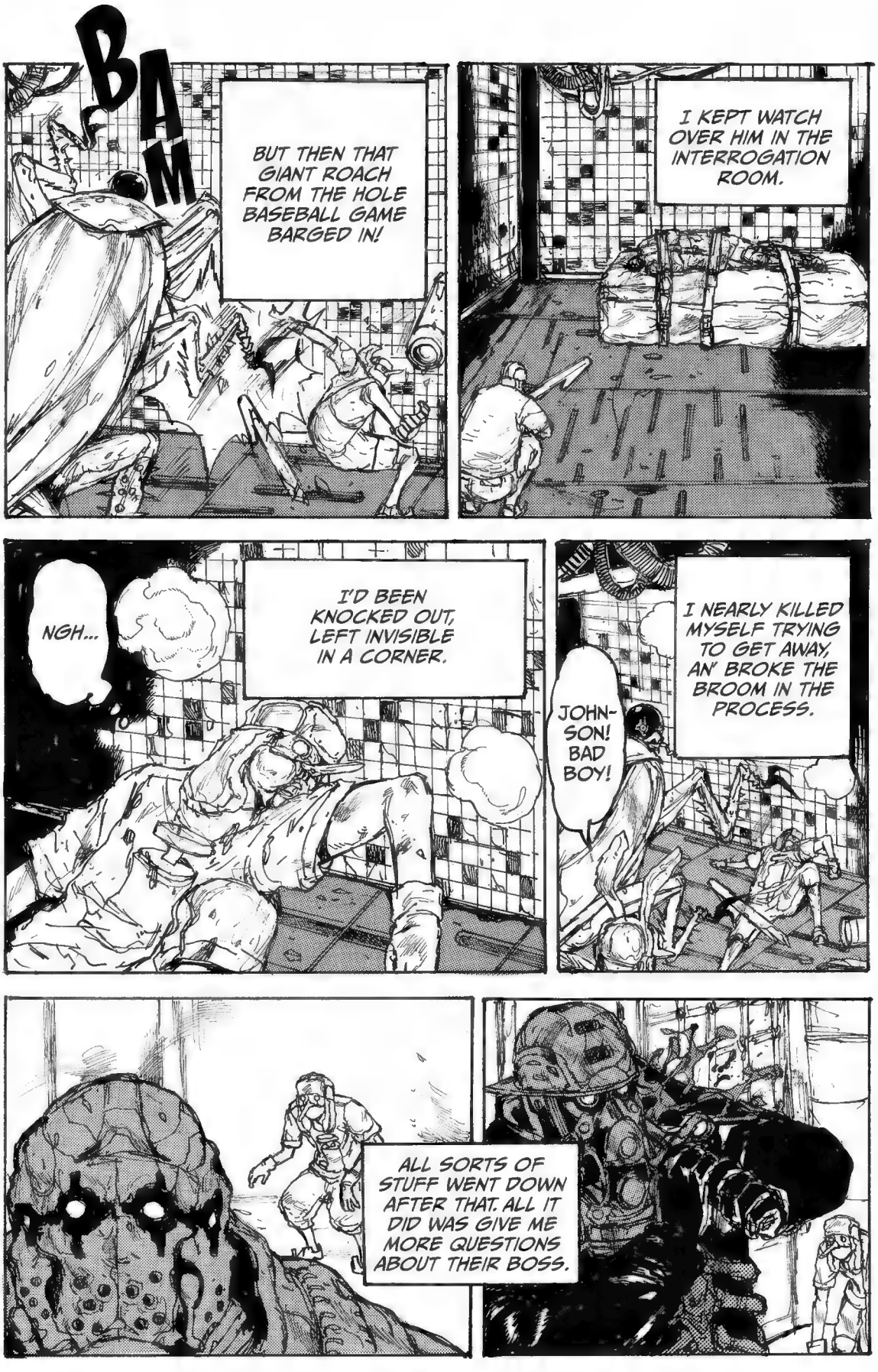
SHIT! IT ISN'T DISAPPEARING!!
SWALLOWING.
GULP
GULP
CHEW CHEW
CHEW CHEW
I'M CHEWING.
SO I WAS WORRIED ABOUT FOOD FOR THE STAKEOUT.
I HAD TO HIDE FOR AS LONG AS DIGESTION WOULD TAKE.
HE WAS EATING EN BRAND "FOREST MUSHROOM CHIPS."
FOREST
MUSHROOM
EN HAD BOXES OF THE STUFF AT THE MANSION.
BUT THIS LITTLE PIGGY SOLVED THAT PROBLEM FOR ME.

LEAP
I ATE IT ALL.
TON DROPPED A BAG AND THEN FORGOT ABOUT IT WHEN HE WENT BACK HUNTING.
NO WAY ANYONE WOULD SPOT ME.
SO I COULD LAY DOWN AND DO MY SPYING WHILE I DIGESTED.
FORTUNATELY, THE CHIPS WERE THE SAME COLOR AS THE GROUND.
BY THIS TIME I'D GOTTEN TOTALLY USED TO HEADS AND CORPSES.
EVENTUALLY TON MET UP WITH THE OTHER HIGHER-UPS.

HE KEPT SENSING ME. FREAKED ME OUT, THAT PIECE OF SHIT...
THE ONE NAMED DOKUGA IS SHARPER THAN THE REST.
LET'S GO MEET THE BOSS!
FINALLY THEY WENT TO MEET UP WITH THE BOSS. I'D BEEN INVISIBLE FOR 10 DAYS.
TANB
THEY STOPPED AT A RESTAURANT I KNEW FROM THE PIE CONTEST!
ANYWAY, IT'S WHERE I FIRST SAW THEIR BOSS.
NO NEED TO SAVE SMOKE NOW. I FOLLOWED ON MY BROOM.

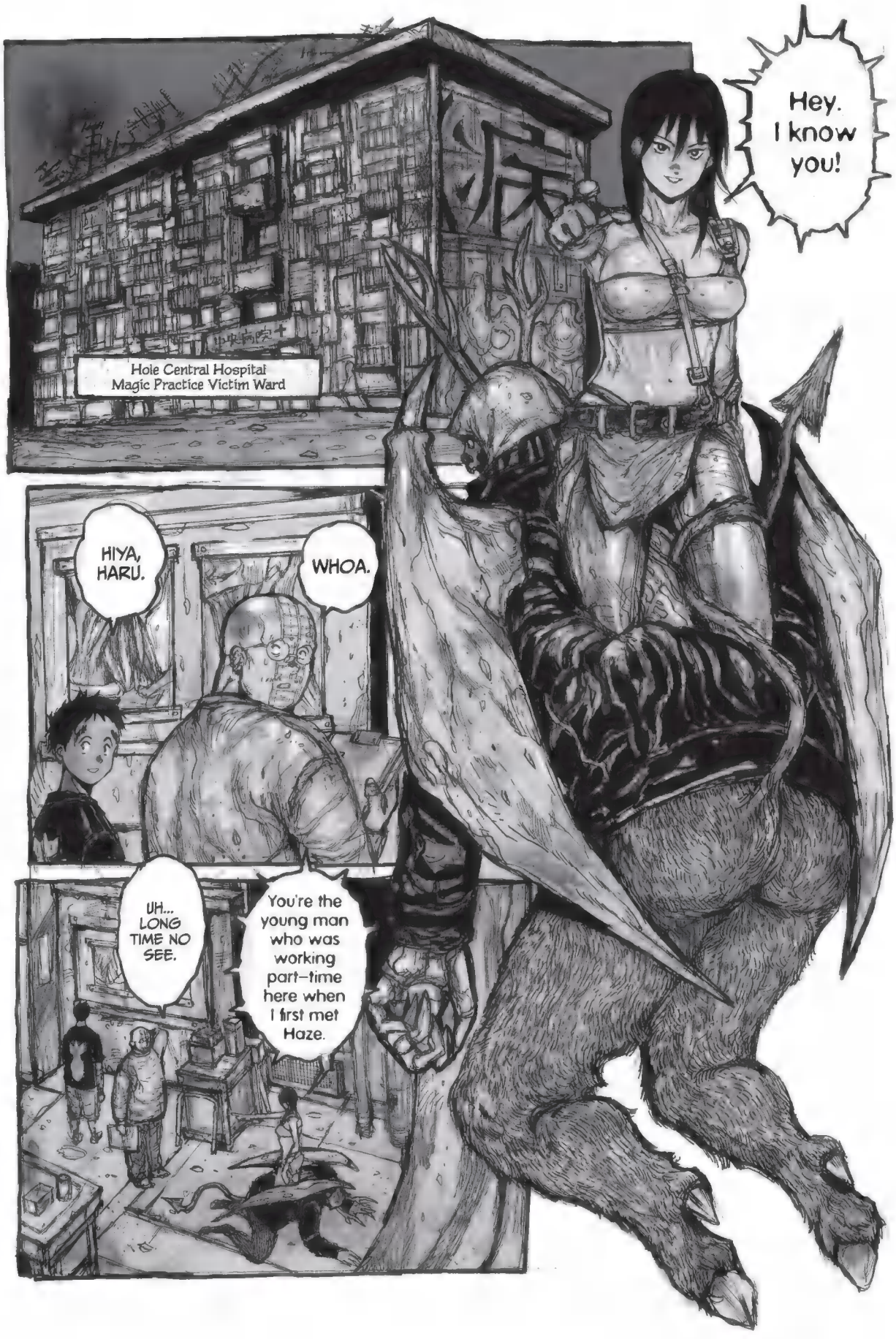
HIS BRAIN WAS FILLED WITH LOTS OF DEVIL TUMORS!
WHAT WAS LEFT OF HIM ANYWAY.
RULES!
WSSH
BUT THEN I REMEMBERED.
I WAS SO EXCITED I ALMOST PUSHED THROUGH AND GRABBED ONE!
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. LOOKED LIKE ALL THE HIGHER-UPS WOULD GET "PIED." BUT IF THAT HAPPENED, HOW WOULD WE GET EN'S DEVIL TUMOR BACK?
WHILE I WATCHED, THEIR BOSS GOT TURNED INTO A PIE.

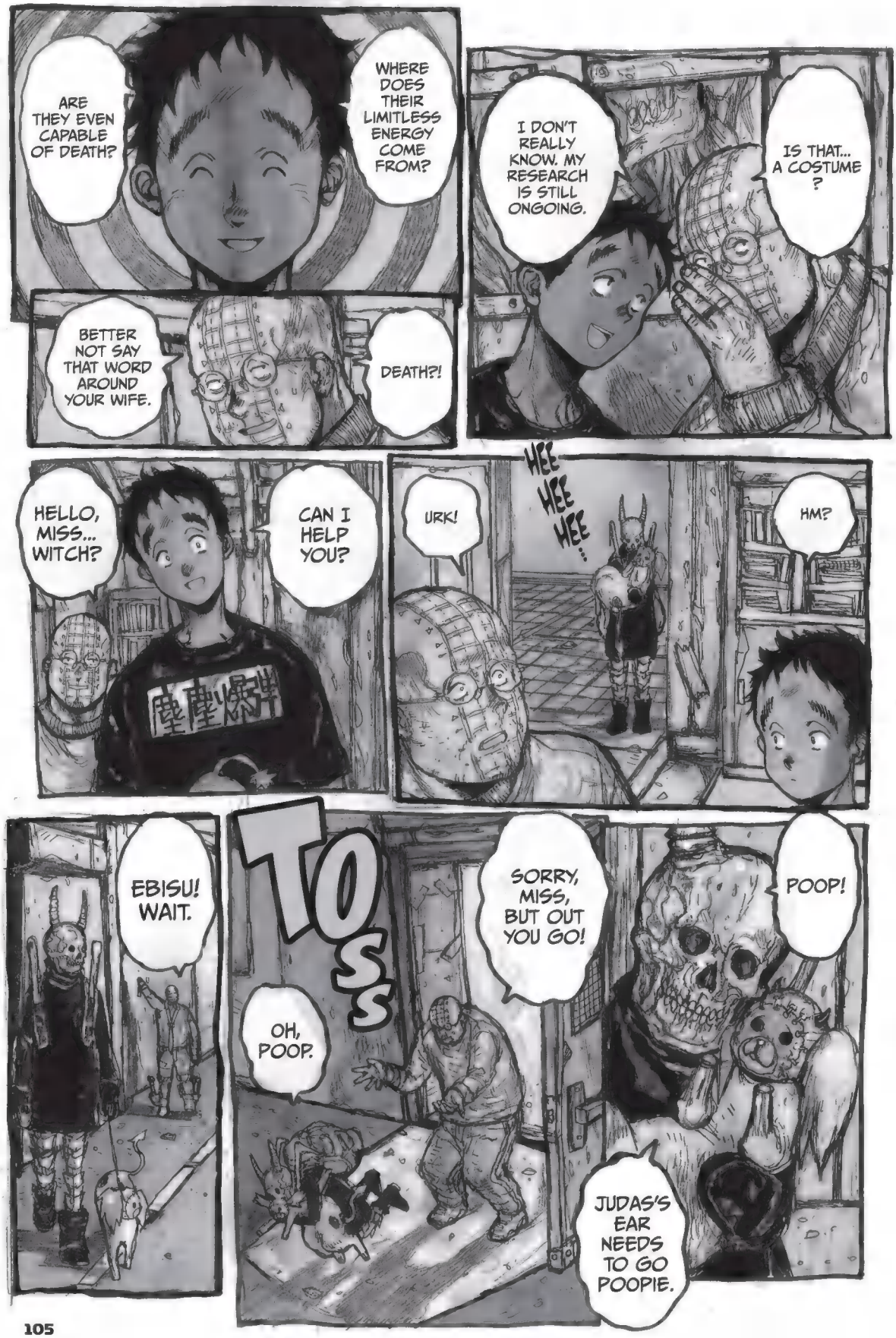
NO TIME TO THINK.
RULES.
WSSH
KAR
RAKK
I SMASHED A VASE.
AFTER THAT, THEIR BOSS RETURNED TO NORMAL AFTER USING CHOTA'S MAGIC.
I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. BUT IT WAS ALL I COULD DO.

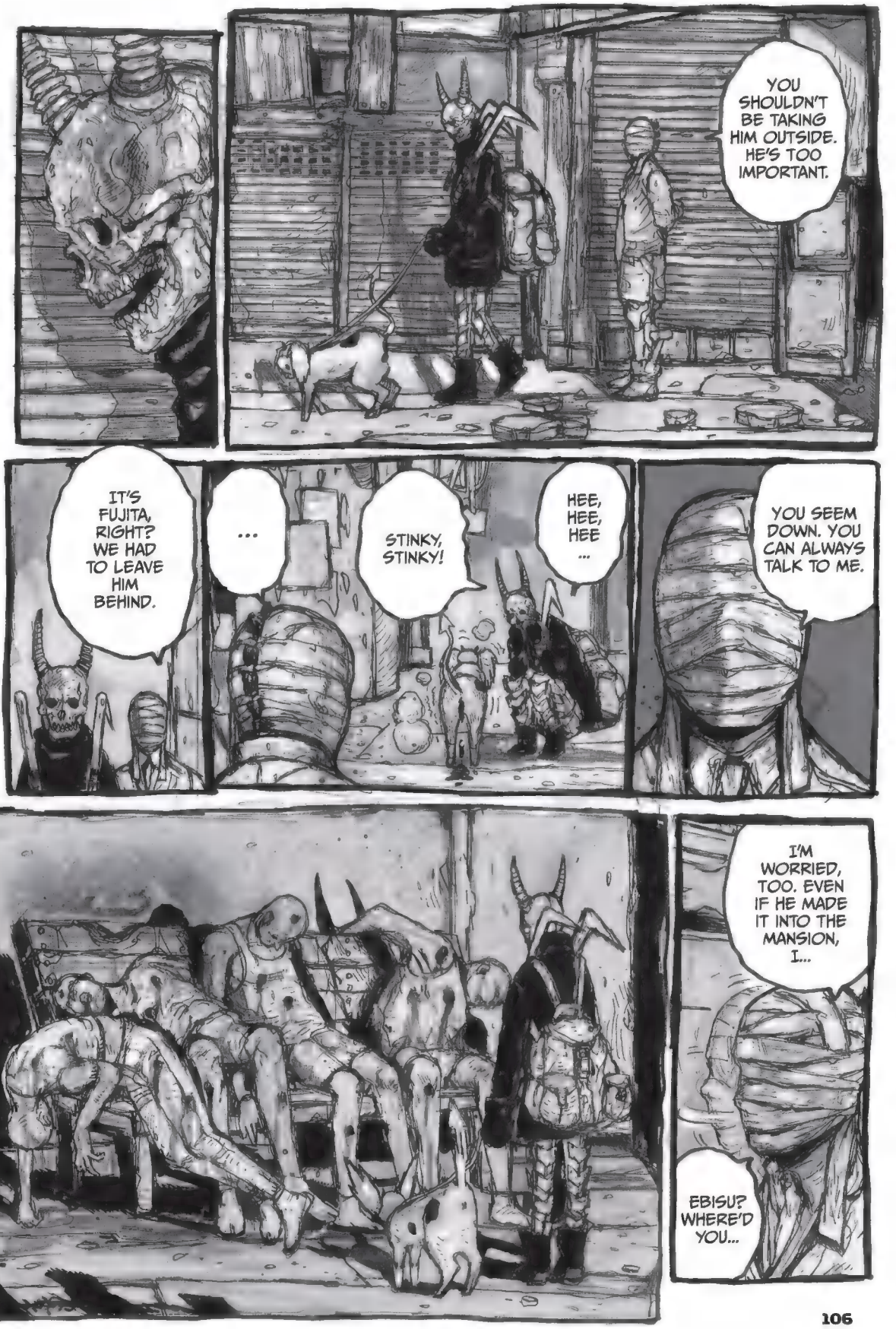

BAM
BUT THEN THAT GIANT ROACH FROM THE HOLE BASEBALL GAME BARGED IN!
I KEPT WATCH OVER HIM IN THE INTERROGATION ROOM.
NGH...
I'D BEEN KNOCKED OUT, LEFT INVISIBLE IN A CORNER.
JOHN-SON! BAD BOY!
I NEARLY KILLED MYSELF TRYING TO GET AWAY, AN' BROKE THE BROOM IN THE PROCESS.
ALL SORTS OF STUFF WENT DOWN AFTER THAT. ALL IT DID WAS GIVE ME MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR BOSS.

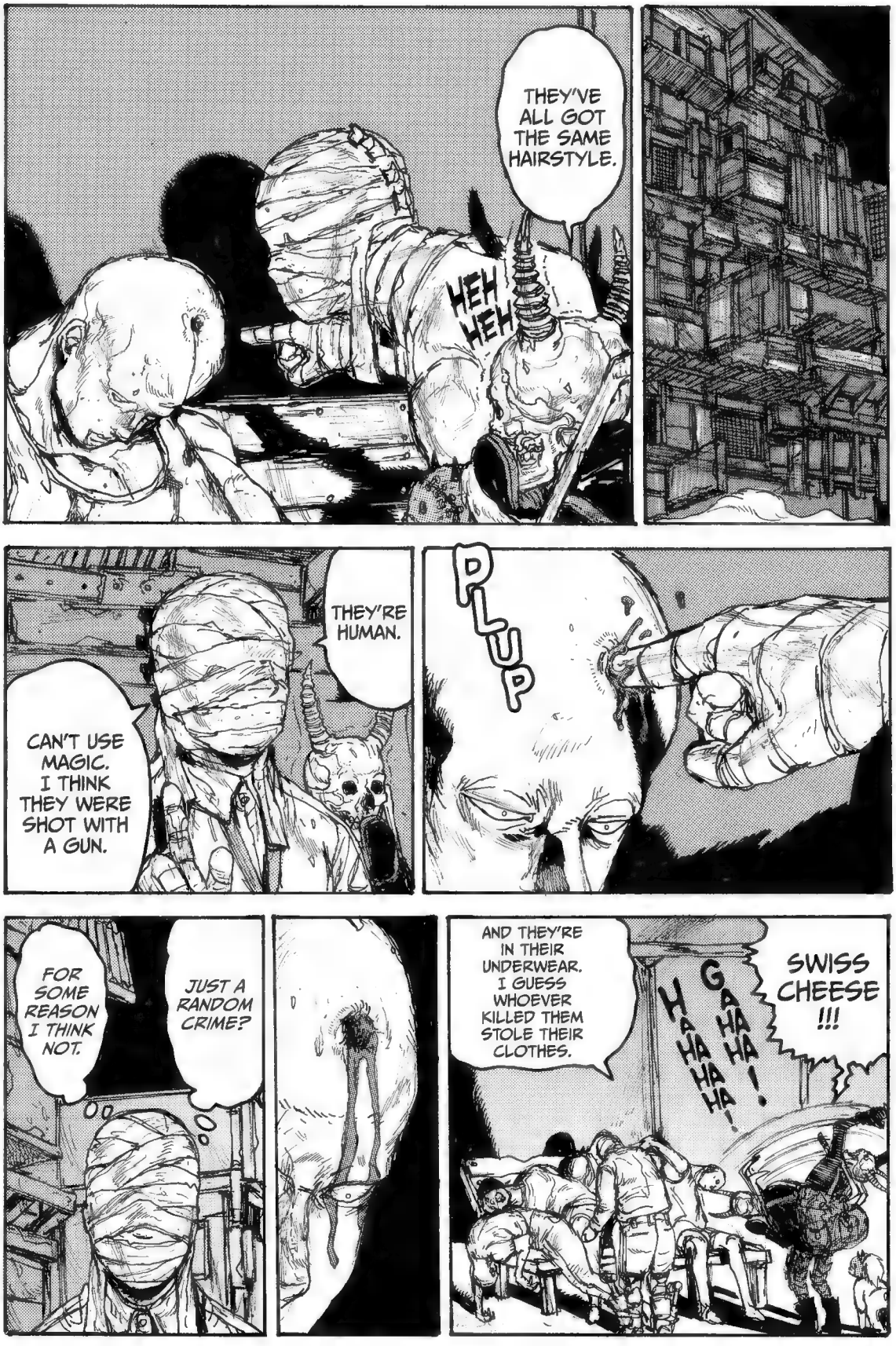
NOW I AM STILL KEEPIN' WATCH FROM THE HOLE.
PLUS, I MISS THEM.
I DUNNO WHAT TO DO. I WANT TO GO BACK AND TELL EVERYONE...
UNTIL THE DAY EN IS RESURRECTED!
BUT MY ADVENTURE'S GOTTA CONTINUE...

SPELL 98
MORPHING


Hey. I know you!
Hole Central Hospital
Magic Practice Victim Ward
HIYA, HARU.
WHOA.
UH... LONG TIME NO SEE.
You're the young man who was working part-time here when I first met Haze.


ARE THEY EVEN CAPABLE OF DEATH?
WHERE DOES THEIR LIMITLESS ENERGY COME FROM?
BETTER NOT SAY THAT WORD AROUND YOUR WIFE.
DEATH?!
I DON'T REALLY KNOW. MY RESEARCH IS STILL ONGOING.
IS THAT... A COSTUME ?
HELLO, MISS... WITCH?
CAN I HELP YOU?
URK!
HEE HEE HEE...
HM?
EBISU! WAIT.
Toss
OH, POOP.
SORRY, MISS, BUT OUT YOU GO!
POOP!
JUDAS'S EAR NEEDS TO GO POOPIE.


YOU SHOULDN'T BE TAKING HIM OUTSIDE. HE'S TOO IMPORTANT.
IT'S FUJITA, RIGHT? WE HAD TO LEAVE HIM BEHIND.
...
STINKY, STINKY!
HEE, HEE, HEE ...
YOU SEEM DOWN. YOU CAN ALWAYS TALK TO ME.
I'M WORRIED, TOO. EVEN IF HE MADE IT INTO THE MANSION, I...
EBISU? WHERE'D YOU...


THEY'VE ALL GOT THE SAME HAIRSTYLE.
HEH HEH
THEY'RE HUMAN.
CAN'T USE MAGIC. I THINK THEY WERE SHOT WITH A GUN.
PLUP
FOR SOME REASON I THINK NOT.
JUST A RANDOM CRIME?
AND THEY'RE IN THEIR UNDERWEAR. I GUESS WHOEVER KILLED THEM STOLE THEIR CLOTHES.
HAHAHAHA!
GAHA HA!
SWISS CHEESE !!!

SHFL SHFL
WHOOO
HUNGRY BUG

I'VE NEVER FELT THIS GOOD BEFORE, ACTUALLY!
BETTER THAN OK. GREAT!
FWSH
YOU OK?
WHEW, I THOUGHT I'D BURN UP THERE.
I... SEE.
RISU ?
SQEEE
C-CAN'T BREATHE!
YOU'RE GRUMPY 'CAUSE YOU'RE HUNGRY!
GR
GRAB
I'M NOT H—
LEMME MAKE YOU SOME GYOZA.

TMBL TMBL TMBL TMBL
OOWWW...!
AAAH!
SLAM
OH, YOU.
HA-HA-HA!
LEAP
NGH...
TMP
RISU, YOU WORRY ABOUT DUMB SORCERERS TOO MUCH.
MY GYOZA'LL MAKE YOU FORGET YOUR TROUBLES!

WHAT'LL YOU DO? YOU CAN'T FOLD DRY GYOZA SKINS.
OOPS! SKINS ARE ALL DRIED OUT.
GOTTA WHIP UP SOME GYOZA!
WELL THEN!
"DUMB"?
PLOP
KLIK
NOOO PROB-LEM!
WST
WHOA!
YOU'RE GOING TO SOAK THEM IN SOUP?!
OR WHAT?
WHPP

WHP
WHP
WHP
WHP
WHP
WHP
WHP
WHP
WHP
WHP
MY GOD... YOUR HANDS ARE SO FAST THEY'RE TURNING THE SOUP TO MIST AND REHYDRATING THE SKINS!
WSSSSH
ZP
WST
NOW THE OBA LEAVES ARE STICKING TO THE SKINS!
PLP
PLP
PLP
PLP
THEY'RE GETTING MOISTER AND MOISTER!
THEY'RE GETTING SOFTER... ALMOST BLOOMING LIKE FLOWERS!

SPLISH
LOTSA OIL.
AL-MOST FOR-GOT!
FWOOF
THE GRIDDLE'S HEATING UP!
BUT THE GYOZA AREN'T READY...
READY TO GO!
KLKKLIK
KLKLAK
FUMP
WHAK
TOSS

WSH
PSST
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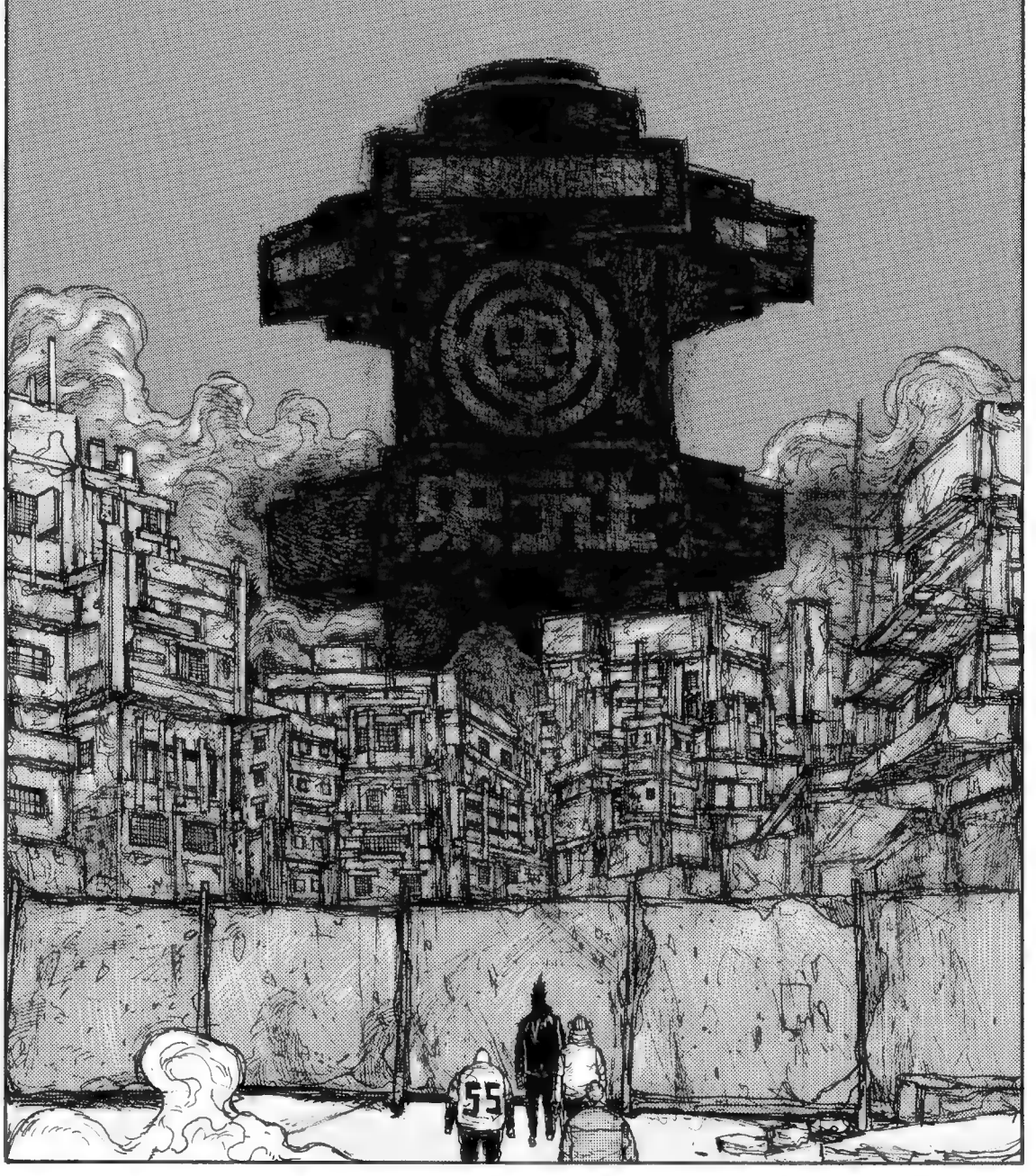
WHSSSH
KRAKL
ALL THOSE GYOZA... IN JUST SECONDS ...!
WAIT, WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT JUNK?
NOW, TO ADD THE WATER...
KLOP
... PUT THE LID ON, AND STEAM!
MAKING A SUIT!
THE PERFECT ONE FOR ME!

FLAP
BUT THE GYOZA! THEY'LL BURN!
CAN'T GO TO DINNER LOOKING LIKE THIS.
WHAT THE HELL HAP-PENED TO HER?!
I DON'T KNOW, BUT SHE'S DEFINITELY DIFFERENT.
SO IF SHE KEEPS THIS UP...
I ACTUALLY DON'T KNOW.
SPONTA-NEOUS VIO-LENCE.
SPEAKING HER MIND.
SPEED FAR BEYOND NORMAL SORCERERS.
POSI-TIVITY.
AND CREATIVITY.
IT'S EARLY STAGE DEVIL, IS WHAT IT IS.
NIKAIDO! THE GYOZA ARE BURNING!
KLANK TUNK TUNK
COMING!
DO DEVILS HAVE SPECIAL COSTUMES?
YEP.
THANKS FOR WAITING!
SHK

SPSH
OIL! OIL!
OH. THAT SEEMS PRETTY NORMAL FOR HER.
TIME TO EAT!
SPIN
THAT'S... UNIQUE.
THAT FITS THE PATTERN, TOO.
TMP

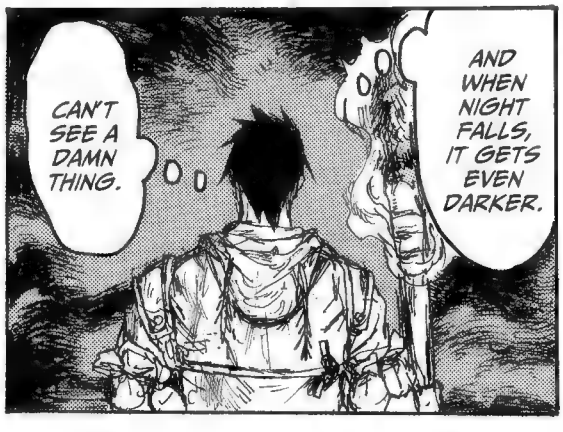
SHF
F
TIME T' EAT!
SIZZ
GLP GLP GLP
THESE ARE AMAZ-ING!
INCRED-IBLE. UNBELIEV-ABLE.
MIND-DE-STROY-ING!
HA HA!
HA HA HA HA!

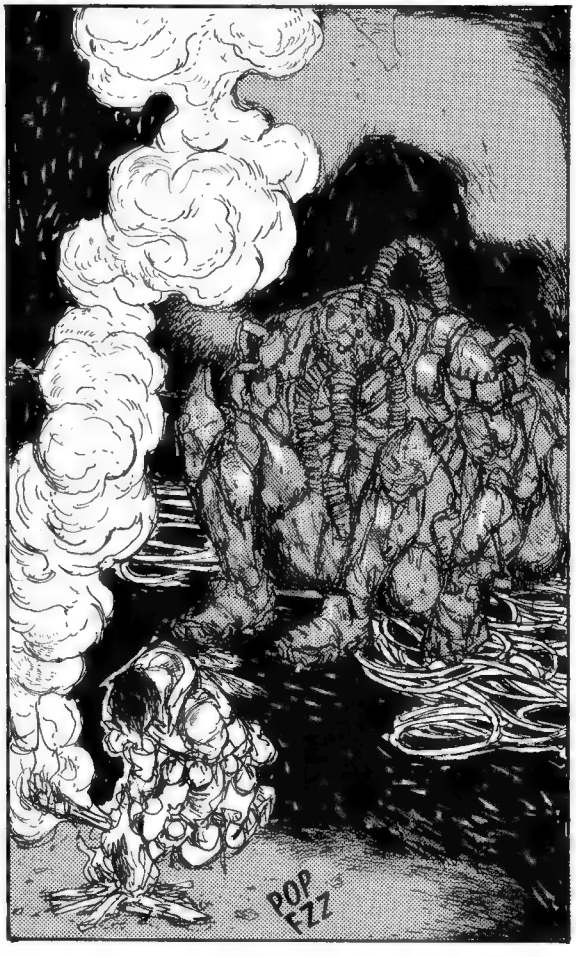
GOD-DAMN IT, THIS SHOP'S CLOSED TOO.
BASH
"CLOSED UNTIL THE CENTRAL DEPARTMENT STORE SALE'S OVER"?
中央デパートのセール中につき休業中
田中商店
FUCKIN' HOLE!
BASHBASH
LET'S JUST GO BACK. I'M WORRIED ABOUT DOKUGA AND THE BOSS.
BUT WHAT'S THIS DEPART-MENT STORE?
LOOK UP.



WAS THAT THERE BEFORE?!

PITCH BLACK.
I DIDN'T REALIZE THE HOLE WAS SO DARK.


AND WHEN NIGHT FALLS, IT GETS EVEN DARKER.
CAN'T SEE A DAMN THING.


POP
FZZ

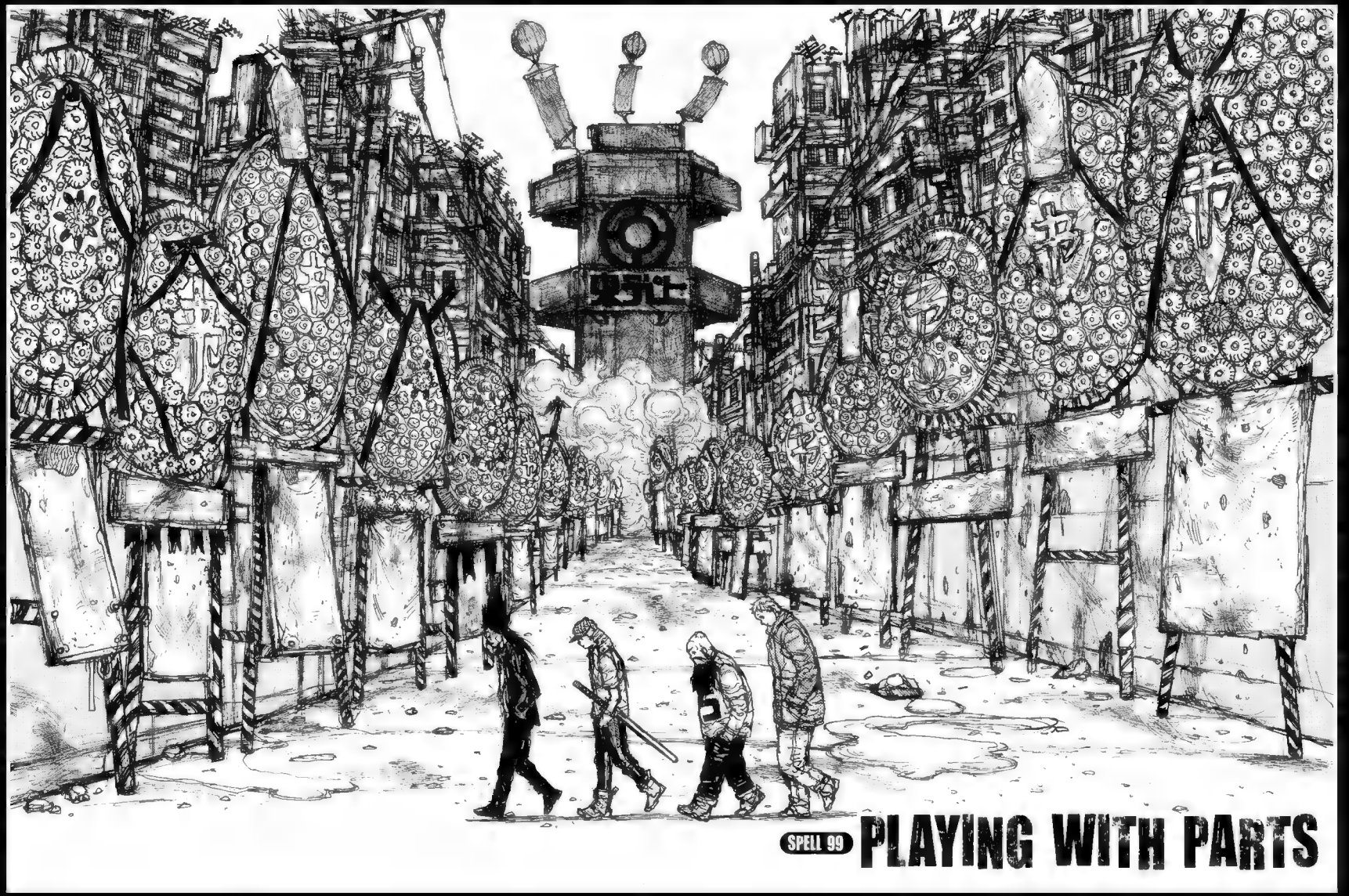
TMP
THERE IT IS AGAIN.
I'VE BEEN FEELING IT EVER SINCE THE SORCERER HUNT...
LIKE WE'RE BEING WATCHED BY SOME-ONE...

DID HE NOTICE ME AGAIN?
I MUST JUST BE TIRED...
IT'S BEEN DAYS SINCE I SLEPT.
WHY'D THE BOSS COME TO THE HOLE?
STILL ...
HE HAD TO HAVE HAD REASONS. BUT WHAT WERE THEY?

SNIK
YO.
WHO'S THERE ?!
SHING
YOU SEEM UNSETTLED. IS THERE ANY WAY WE CAN HELP?
WE ARE MONKS. THE WOMEN ARE OUR FOLLOWERS.
PLEASE, PUT THAT WEAPON AWAY.
WE MEAN YOU NO HARM.

WISH
GO AWAY !!
I'M A SORCERER!
MONKS? MORE HUMANS ...
BUT I'VE SEEN HIM SOMEWHERE BEFORE.
HAVE MERCY!
PLEASE LET US LIVE!
AH!
I'M NOT GOING TO KILL YOU. BUT LEAVE US ALONE. GO.
SNAK
HELP!
HELP!

!!
BLAM
HIYA, HENCH-MAN!



SPELL 99

PLAYING WITH PARTS

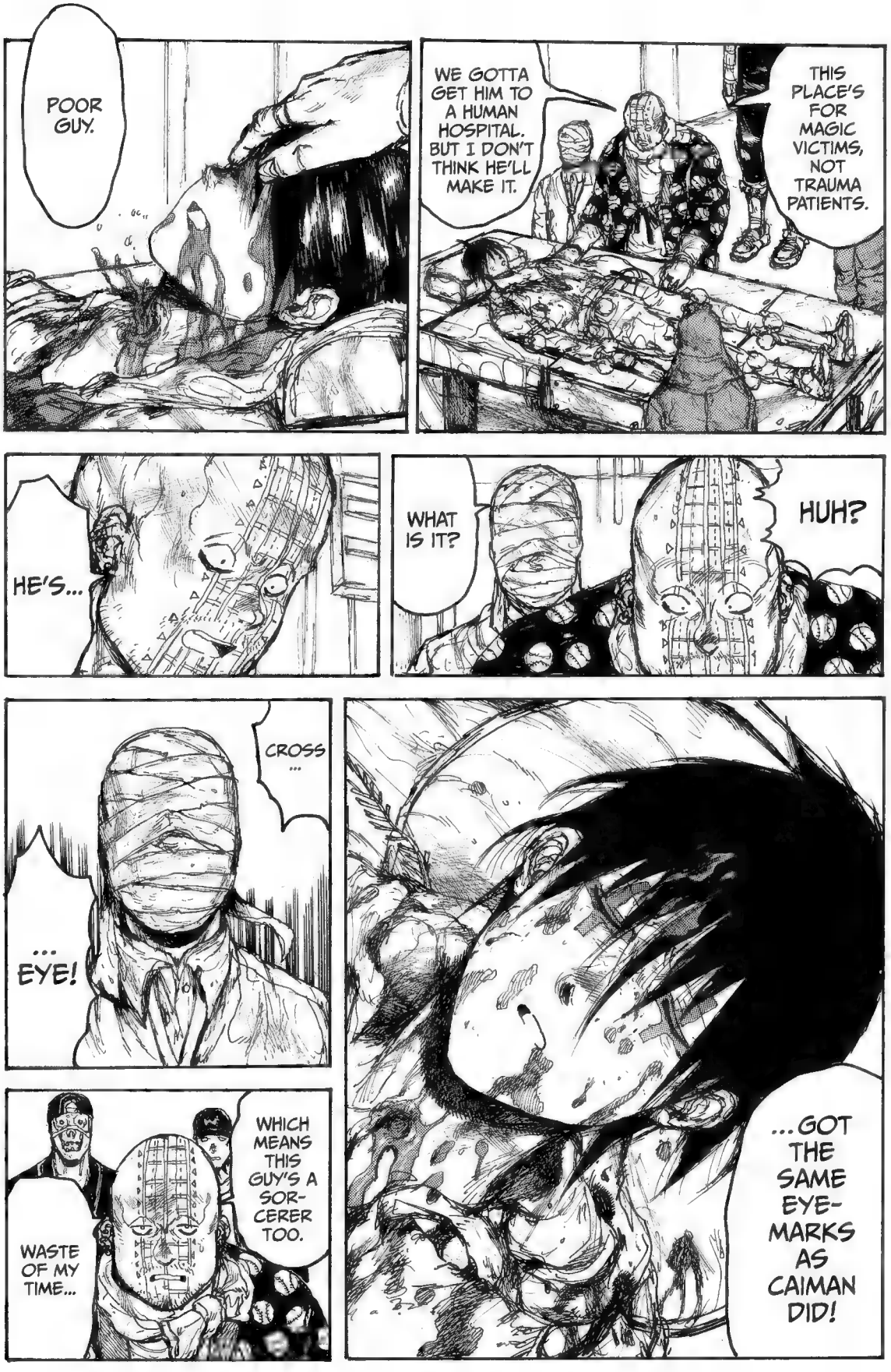
I'M SWINGIN' BY THE HOSPITAL. WANT A RIDE?
NOTHIN' BETTER TO DO.
TWEET TWEET
GET THE KEY?
YEP. NOBODY'S AROUND 'CAUSE OF THE BIG SALE.
PUTT PUTT

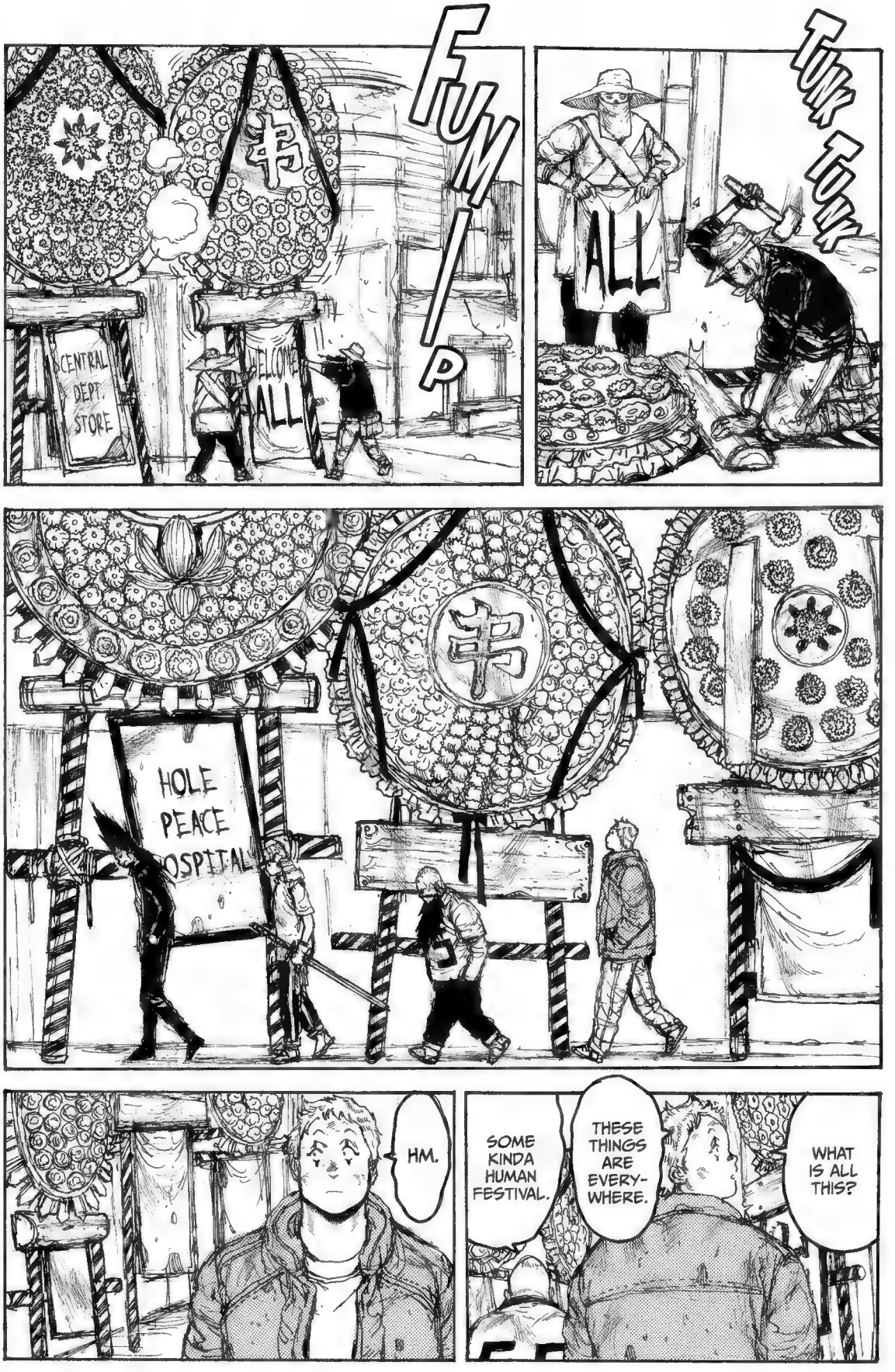
16
IT'S FASTER TO TAKE THE RIVERSIDE WAY.
WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE?
GUESS SOMETHIN' HAPPENED?
HUH?
DANGER
HIGH VOLTAGE
FUCK, IT'S COLD THIS MORNING. I'M FREEZING.
Hole Central Hospital
Magic Practice
Victims Ward
(and Temporary En
Family Hideout)

I WONDER IF WHAT KASUKABE SAID IS TRUE...
ABOUT BEIN' ABLE TO TURN HUMANS INTO SORCERERS.
I CAN'T SAY A GODDAMN THING ABOUT IT. WHAT A PAIN IN THE ASS.
THEY'VE TAKEN OVER MY HOSPITAL.
VA-VA
UH... THANKS.
AAH!
GOOOOD MORNING!
CARE FOR SOME COFFEE?
OR YOUR MORNING PAPER?
IT WAS FILTHY, SO I CLEANED FOR YOU.
IS IT JUST ME OR IS IT SPOTLESS IN HERE?
VREE
MAYBE THIS AIN'T SO BAD AFTER ALL.

I KNOW ABOUT THIS.
SAYS CENTRAL DEPARTMENT STORE'S PLANNING TO HOLD A FUNERAL FOR THEM DURING THE BIG SALE.
HOLE HERALD
RIGHT NEAR HERE, TOO.
HUH. FOUR MONKS MURDERED, PERP UNKNOWN.
HOLE HERALD
THE CORPSES WERE STRIPPED, AFTER ALL.
WHOEVER KILLED THEM PROBABLY WANTED THEIR CLOTHES.
IF THOSE DEAD GUYS WERE MONKS ...
AAH!
PAR-DON ME.
MONK'S CLOTHES? WHO'D WANT THOSE?
WAIT!
YEAH, TELL 'EM TO GO SCREW THEM-SELVES.
A HUMAN PATIENT HAS ARRIVED. SHALL I SEND THEM AWAY?

PSHT PSHT
BRO!
ZEUS! KING! WHAT'S WRONG?
VAUX
31
KINK
16
EEEEK!
DON'T SHOW FEAR! THEY CAN SMELL IT, LIKE DOGS!
EX-CUSE YOU!!
HM. SHOT IN THE NECK. BULLET PASSED THROUGH CLEAN.
AMAZING HE'S STILL ALIVE.
WE FOUND THIS DUDE BY ARK RIVER, HE'S ALL FUCKED UP.
BUT, UH, WHO ARE ALL THESE GUYS?
SOR-CERERS. THEY TOOK OVER MY HOSPITAL.

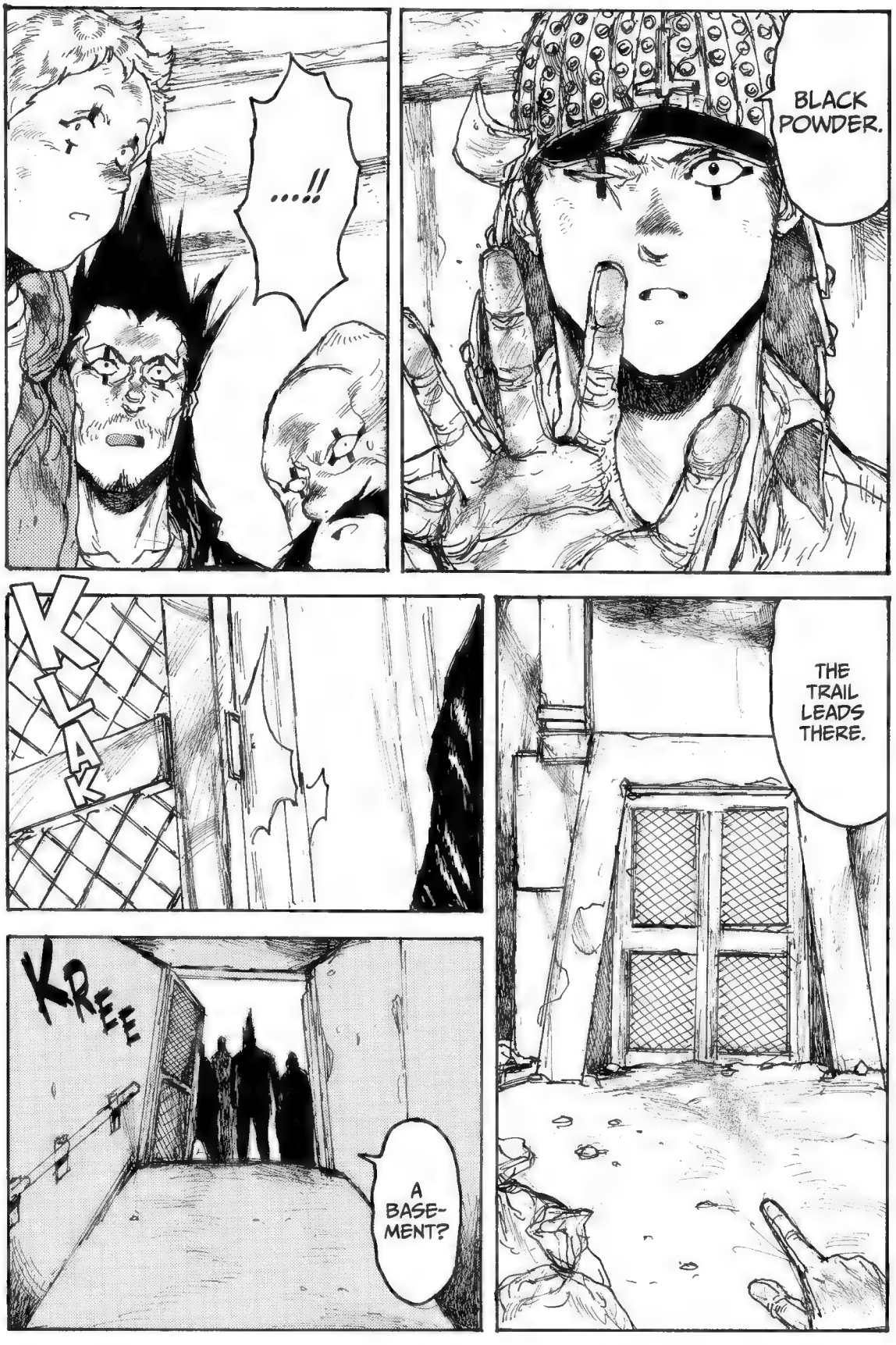

POOR GUY.
WE GOTTA GET HIM TO A HUMAN HOSPITAL. BUT I DON'T THINK HE'LL MAKE IT.
THIS PLACE'S FOR MAGIC VICTIMS, NOT TRAUMA PATIENTS.
HE'S...
WHAT IS IT?
HUH?
CROSS ...
... EYE!
...GOT THE SAME EYE-MARKS AS CAIMAN DID!
WHICH MEANS THIS GUY'S A SOR-CERER TOO.
WASTE OF MY TIME...


FUM/D
CENTRAL DEPT. STORE
ALL
TUNK TUNK
ALL
HOLE PEACE OSPITAL
HM.
SOME KINDA HUMAN FESTIVAL.
THESE THINGS ARE EVERY-WHERE.
WHAT IS ALL THIS?

WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING ALL NIGHT...
THE BOSS'LL BE DISAP-POINTED.
Ark River
DOKUGA WOULDN'T HAVE GONE FAR WITH THE BOSS, ALONE.
WHERE'D THEY GO?!
BOSS? DOKUGA?
HUH?
HUH?!
LOOK. THERE WAS A FIRE HERE.
MAYBE THE BOSS CAN WALK AGAIN?

LOTS OF IT.
WE DON'T KNOW IT'S THEIRS.
55
BLOOD.
BLUBBB
I MEAN, THIS RIVER'S FUCKIN' FILLED WITH BODIES.
YEAH. YOU'D NEVER SEE A RIVER THIS POLLUTED IN OUR WORLD.
THAT BLACK STUFF THE BOSS PUTS OUT.
REMIND YOU OF SOME-THING?
WHAT?
WAIT, IS IT WATER? IT'S SUPER GOOPY.
BLUB

THE RAIN IN OUR WORLD... THE REASON THE BOSS CAME TO THE HOLE...
TELL YOU THE TRUTH I'M NOT SURE I EVEN WANT TO KNOW.
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, THIS SMELL...
TRACKS OF SOME-THING HEAVY BEING DRAGGED.
YEAH, AND LOOK CLOSE!
55
HEY! LOOK!
I FORGOT ABOUT IT BECAUSE OF THE RAIN...
IT'S THE STUFF THAT CAME OUT OF THE TUBE AFTER THE BOSS TRANS-FORMED.
THIS POWDER ...


...!!
BLACK POWDER.
KLAK
THE TRAIL LEADS THERE.
KREE
A BASE-MENT?

SO...THE BOSS IS IN HERE?
THE BLACK POWDER. IT GOES ON DOWN.
THANKS TO THIS STUFF THE TRAIL'S CLEAR AS DAY.
I DUNNO. BUT I GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.
MAYBE DOKUGA TOOK HIM.
55
NOTHIN' TO DO BUT LOOK AND SEE.

YEAH, BUT...
I'M EVEN MORE WORRIED ABOUT NATSUKI, WHO WE LEFT BEHIND. HOPE SHE'S OK.
WHAT'S WRONG, TON? WORRIED ABOUT THEM?
WHEW.
I HOPE SHE DIDN'T GET CAUGHT OUT IN THE RAIN.
NATSUKI! RIGHT! WITH THE HUNT, I FORGOT ALL ABOUT HER.
DOKUGA SENT HER OFF ON THAT MISSION.
SHE USED TO BE THE BOSS'S BODYGUARD, AFTER ALL!
YOU GOT A POINT. WHEN WE FIGURE THIS OUT, LET'S TALK TO DOKUGA ABOUT GOING TO LOOK FOR HER.
YEAH.

HARU.
Back at Hole Central Hospital Magic Practice Victims Ward
HOW'S BEING IN THE HOLE AGAIN? A LITTLE NOSTAL-GIC?
No.

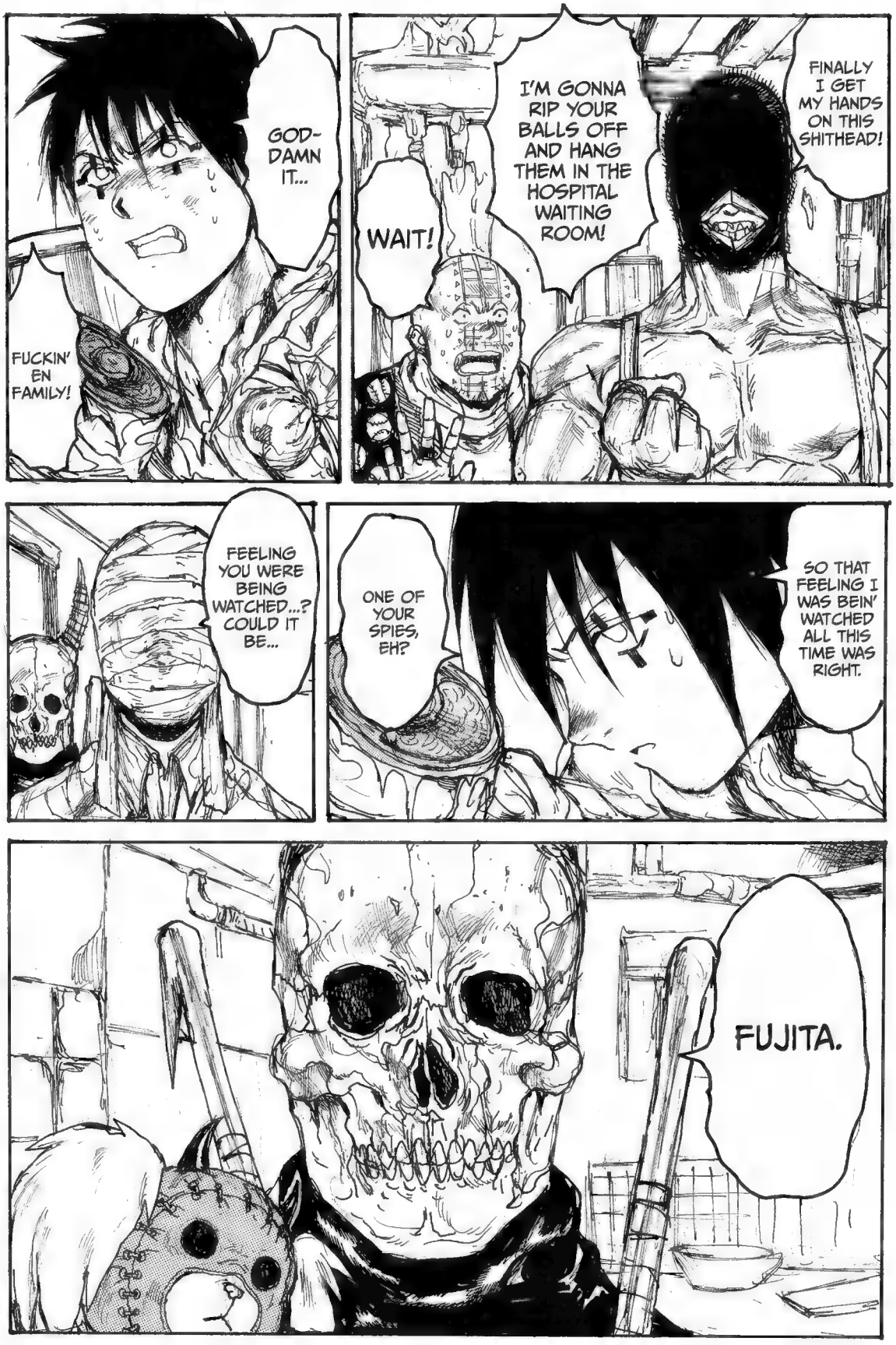
I JUST DON'T GET WHY AI ATTACKED ME.
96925
"HE IS OUR..."
YOU SAID SOMETHING WHEN HE WAS ABOUT TO KILL ME.
DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIM?
I have an important task. I can't be concerned with watching out for you.
GUESS THAT MEANS WE'RE OFFICIALLY SPLITSVILLE, HUH?
Just stay away from him.
I won't help you a second time.

OH YEAH.
WHY'D YOU TURN ME BACK INTO A KID AGAIN?
I SEE.
THAT'S A SHAME.
Because if you looked like you did...
It'd be too hard for me to leave you again...
Yikes! Too long out-side...
WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON DOWN-STAIRS?
I'll die!
HUH.

NGH...
HAH?!
EN'S MAN!
YOU!!
HOWDY, CROSS-EYE.
!!
HOW'S THE NECK? MY PARTNER HEALED YOU UP.
EN'S CLEANER. SHIN.

THAT'S MY LINE. I'VE GOT LOTS OF QUESTIONS.
WHY ARE YOU IN THE HOLE?!
IN A HOSPITAL IN THE HOLE.
WH... WHERE AM I?
AHH!
TH
DD
I'M GONNA GRIND UP EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOUR PRECIOUS LITTLE PARTS WHILE YOU WATCH.
'CAUSE IF NOT...
AND YOU'RE GONNA ANSWER ALL OF THEM.
QWVR
QWVR

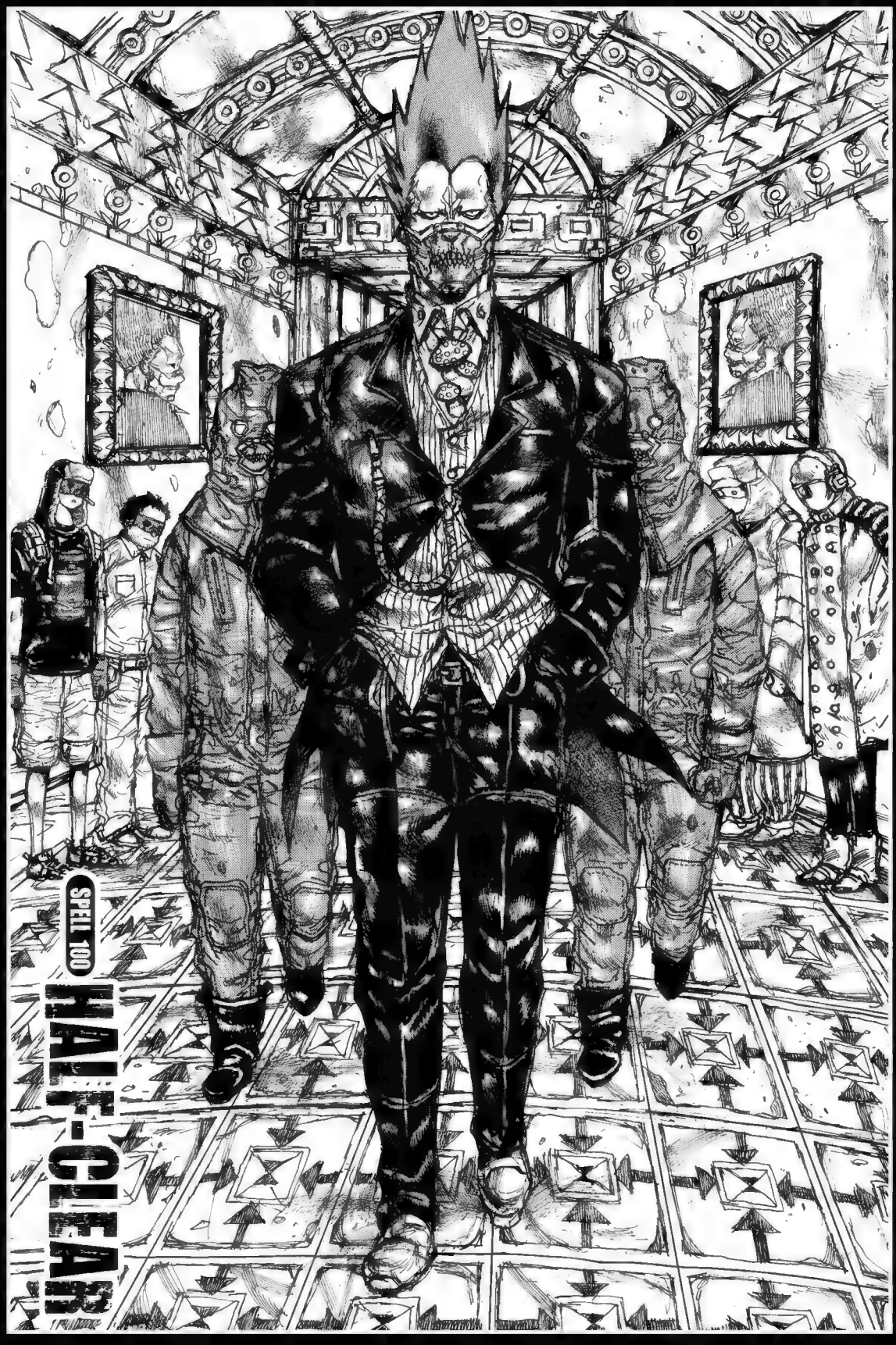
!
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS...
THAT DISAP-PEARING ACT YOU PULLED AT THE MANSION...
THAT WAS ONE OF YOUR GUY'S MAGIC...
BINGO!
DOOM
I POSSESS THE POWER TO TURN ANYTHING INVISIBLE.


GOD-DAMN IT...
FUCKIN' EN FAMILY!
WAIT!
I'M GONNA RIP YOUR BALLS OFF AND HANG THEM IN THE HOSPITAL WAITING ROOM!
FINALLY I GET MY HANDS ON THIS SHITHEAD!
FEELING YOU WERE BEING WATCHED...? COULD IT BE...
ONE OF YOUR SPIES, EH?
SO THAT FEELING I WAS BEIN' WATCHED ALL THIS TIME WAS RIGHT.
FUJITA.

HE'S ALIVE?
HUG HUG
GOOD FOR HIM! I UNDER-ESTIMATED THAT KID!
FUJITA ?!
NOI
HAS TO BE!
I KNOW MANY OTHER THINGS AS WELL.
DAMN IT...
AS YOU CONJEC-TURED, ONE OF OUR TOP MEN WAS SHADOWING YOU.
WHICH MEANS THEY WERE HUNTING FOR CROSS-EYES.
THE PERPE-TRATORS TOOK HUMAN FORM TO LULL YOU INTO DROPPING YOUR GUARD.
HOW'D YOU...
FOR EXAMPLE. WERE YOU NOT ATTACKED BY MONKS?
IN OTHER WORDS, OUR FUJITA ISN'T THE ONLY ONE AFTER YOU.

YOUR BOSS MADE FAR TOO MANY ENEMIES.
IT'S ENTIRELY POSSIBLE OTHER PARTIES IN ADDITION TO US WANT THE CROSS-EYES DEAD.
THE GUY WHO SHOT ME...
...WAS A SORCERER ?!
WHAT'D YOU FUCKERS DO WITH THE BOSS?!
BOSS!
GASP
WHAT ?!
"BOSS"?
YOU BROUGHT HIM HERE?

SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT WITH THIS ONE.
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO THEIR BOSS?
BOSS!!
MORGUE
IF ONLY I COULD MAKE CONTACT WITH FUJITA...
IT'S AN INCREDIBLY FORTUNATE TURN OF EVENTS FOR US!
IF THEIR BOSS TRULY IS IN DANGER...
WE CAN BRING EN BACK TO LIFE AGAIN.
PERHAPS...


SPELL 100
HALF-CLEAR

PLEP

I AM TRAPPED IN THE MOUTH OF THE MAN WHO KILLED ME.
IF I CANT NEUTRALIZE THIS MAGIC...
THE FORM OF HIS TEETH KEEPS CHANGING.
AND MY CURSE WILL REMAIN UNFULFILLED.
I CANT KILL HIM...

BLRBL

BLEP BLEP

...TO KILL HIM...

...IN ORDER...

BUT...

BLUP

WHAT IS THIS PLACE?!

WHAT THE...?!

NO.
DREAM ...
GASP!
HUH?
CURSE'S MEMORY?
WHA...
Mmph
THE HELL IS THIS?!

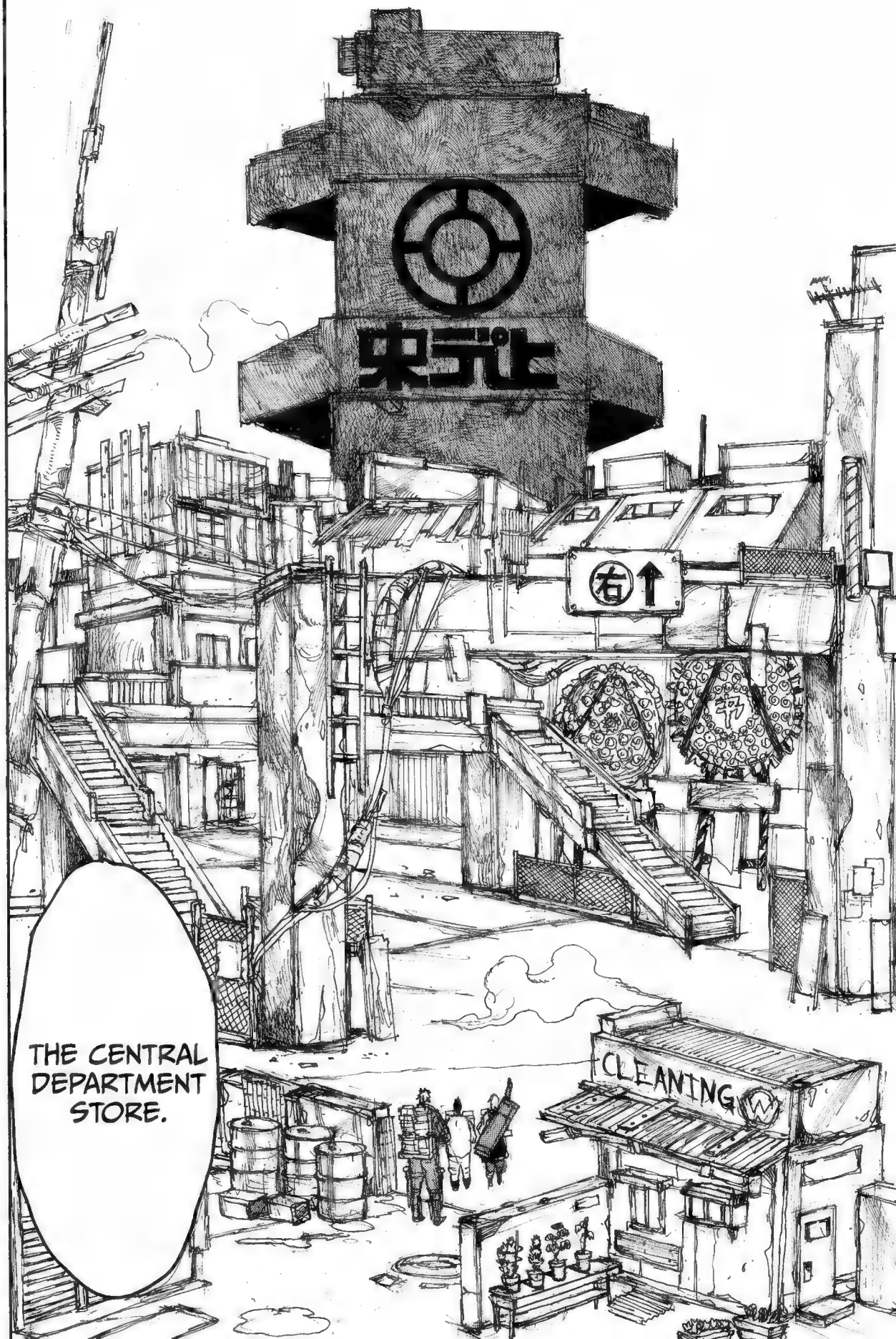
ALL THESE BOXES ...
TWEET TWEET
HUNGRY BUG
PAK
NO WAY.
YAWN
NIKAIDO!!
I ATE SO MANY, I WENT RIGHT INTO A FOOD COMA.
YEP. GYOZA BENTO BOXES.
FILLED TO THE BRIM, TOO.
THAT'S THE POWER OF NIKAIDO'S GYOZA, I GUESS.
WHAT'S UP, YOU TWO?
WHEN DID SHE MAKE THEM?
I CAN ONLY IMAGINE WHILE WE WERE SLEEPING.

SO YOU'RE BACK TO NORMAL.
WHAT HAPPENED TO ME LAST NIGHT?
I REMEMBER FEELING REALLY FUNNY...
STEP
GYOZA BENTO YOU MADE, I THINK. YOU DON'T REMEMBER?
WHAT IS ALL THIS?!
A...
A TAIL?!
OW!!
OH. SORRY.

I DON'T THINK THAT'S HOW IT WORKS ...
WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN IF I TURN DEVIL?
SO NOW I'VE EVEN GOT A TAIL.
半ライス
WE CAN ASK A DEVIL FRIEND OF MINE FOR ADVICE.
BUT WE SHOULD GO BACK TO OUR WORLD.
AGREED.
I WANNA GO RIGHT BACK AND KILL THAT FUCKER AIKAWA.
VMMP

GRRRRRRRRRR
RISU...
...
LOOK, THERE'S NO NEED TO RUSH THIS.
YOU SHOULD DO SOMETHING WITH THOSE BENTO FIRST.
SO JUST GO BACK YOURSELF.
IF YOU CAN CONJURE A DOOR, THAT IS.
BENTO? ARE YOU FUCKING SERIOUS?
C'MON!!
GOD-DAMN IT!

WELL, I CAN'T ARGUE WITH THAT.
MAYBE IT MEANS YOU WANT TO RUN YOUR SHOP AGAIN.
DEVILS ARE CREATURES OF THEIR PASSIONS.
WHY'D I MAKE SO MANY GYOZA BENTO LAST NIGHT?
...
WHAT THE HELL AM I SUP-POSED TO DO? I'M GLAD YOU MANAGED TO CALM RISU DOWN, ASU...
ME WITH ONLY 3 USES OF MAGIC LEFT. AND A BODY SLOWLY TURNING DEVIL. CAIMAN WHO'S THE LEADER OF THE CROSS-EYES. AND RISU WHO WANTS TO MURDER HIM.
TOGETHER WITH CAIMAN AGAIN...
I KNOW...
RIGHT. WELL, THE HOSPITAL'S GOOD, BUT THERE AREN'T MANY PATIENTS NOW.
WHERE DO WE SELL THESE?


右
CLEANING
THE CENTRAL DEPARTMENT STORE.

SSHUFFL
THEY SHOT THAT CROSS-EYE AND TOOK HIS BOSS...
SHEN
SSHUFFLE
WHO ARE THESE GUYS?

NGH.
THUD
19
SHUFL
!!
RSTL
IT'S LIKE I TOLD YA.
YOU PRETEND TO BE A HUMAN AND EVEN THE HIGHER-UPS LET THEIR GUARD DOWN.

Guh.
Guh!
CROSS-EYES?
BUT WHY'D THEY ATTACK HIM THEN?
WHAT-EVER THE CASE, ONE THING'S SURE.
IT MAKES BLACK POWDER.
Guh.
WHAT THE FUCK IS THIS THING? IT'S GROSS.
SOME WEIRD ANIMAL?
HSSS

JUST LIKE YOU SAID, YASAKA!
I DIDN'T BELIEVE WHAT YOU WERE SAYIN' BACK THEN...
IT'S TRUE!
IT'S REALLY COMIN' OUT, TOO!
NOW WE CAN BE KICK-ASS SOR-CERERS, TOO!
WITH THIS MUCH SHIT, WE CAN EVEN BEAT THE BOSS!
HWSS
BUT THIS THING...
BLACK POW-DER... WHAT THE?

FSSs
"THING" ?
CHEERS!
WELL, LET'S TANK UP!
ALL RIGHT!
BOFFF
PFF
KRAK

WHOA!
THD
YASAKA!
YOU FUCK!
WHO SAID YOU COULD HAVE ANY?

POPP
KRAK
AAAAAH!
THDD
POW
BLAM
WHOA...

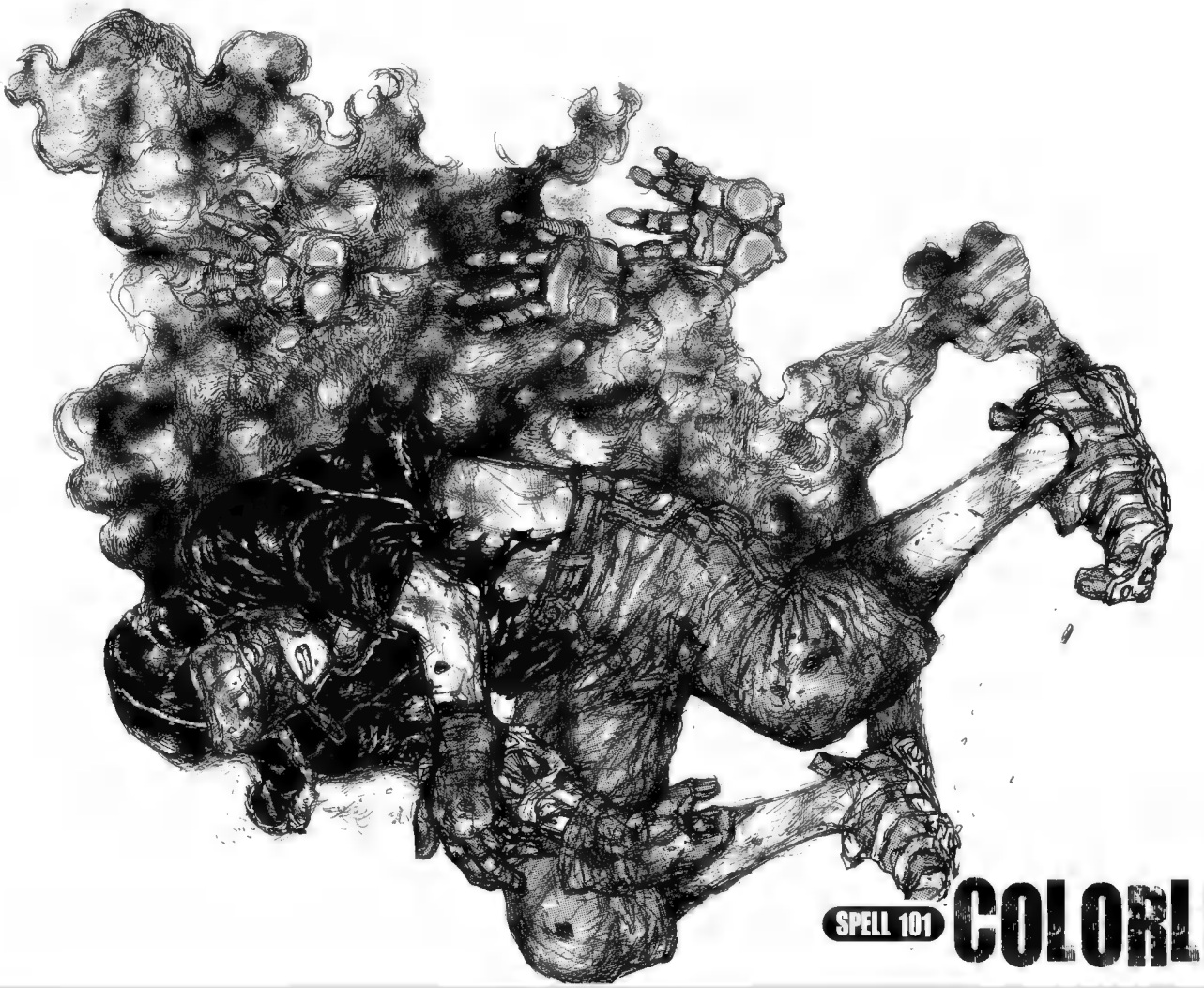
PFF
SPRT
SPT
Y-YASAKA...
YOU U-USED US TO G-GET THE SHIT...
AW, DON'T PUT IT LIKE THAT.
I JUST HAD A LITTLE CHANGE OF HEART IS ALL.

YASAKA!!
WOULD BE A FUCKING WASTE.
LIKE, I FIGURED GIVING YOU FUCKS YOUR SHARES...
THE CROSS-EYES REALLY ARE PIECES OF SHIT...
HE'S KILLING HIS FRIENDS AGAIN!
KRAK
WSF

GROAN
SPAK
SPAK
STARTING TODAY, I'M YOUR NEW OWNER.
DON'T WORRY. I WON'T KILL YA.
I JUST WANT TO CRIPPLE YA.
HE DOESN'T KNOW...
THAT THAT THING IS HIS OWN BOSS.
Guh...
Gugh ...
HA HA HA HA HA !
YOU EXIST FOR ME!

THAT THING'S SHOT-UP AND WEAK.
BUT THIS WORKS OUT GREAT FOR ME!
HE'S WILLING TO FUCK OVER HIS FRIENDS TO TAKE OVER THE SUPPLY OF BLACK POWDER.
I AIN'T GOT SHIT FOR MAGIC, BUT...
RIGHT NOW I'M INVISI-BLE!!
HIS WEAP-ON'S A SINGLE GUN.
I CAN GET EN'S "TUMOR" BACK FROM THEIR BOSS!
IF I CAN KILL THIS BACK-STABBING FUCKER...
...WON'T HAPPEN TWICE.
BUT THIS KINDA LUCK...
NO! NO, NO, NO!
REMEM-BER WHAT SHO SAID! REMEM-BER YOUR MISSION!
FSSS—

GIVE ME STRENGTH, MATSU-MURA!
I GOTTA DO WHAT I CAN FOR THE FAMILY!
SKRIT
I KNOW I'M BREAKING MY PROMISE TO SHO, BUT...
VMVM
VM
THAT'S RIGHT! FUJITA'S HERE.
AN' HE'S BRINGING EN BACK TO LIFE!
VM
VM



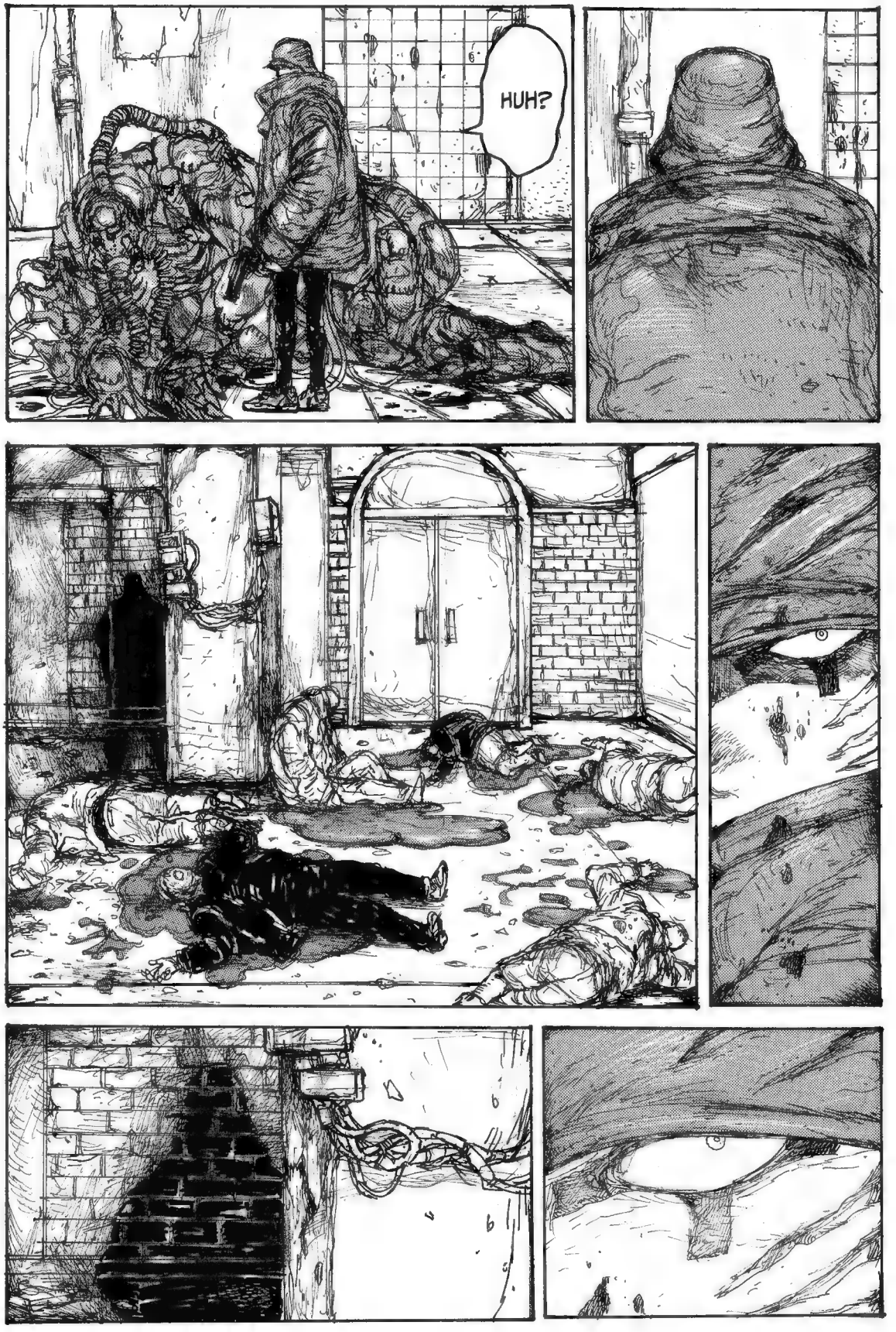
SPELL 101

COLORLESS HERO

HOLY SHIT...!!
19
FSSSH
THIS BLACK POWDER ...!

FSSSS
NGH!
IT AIN'T LIKE EBISU'S ...!
MY BODY, IT'S FULL OF MAGIC!

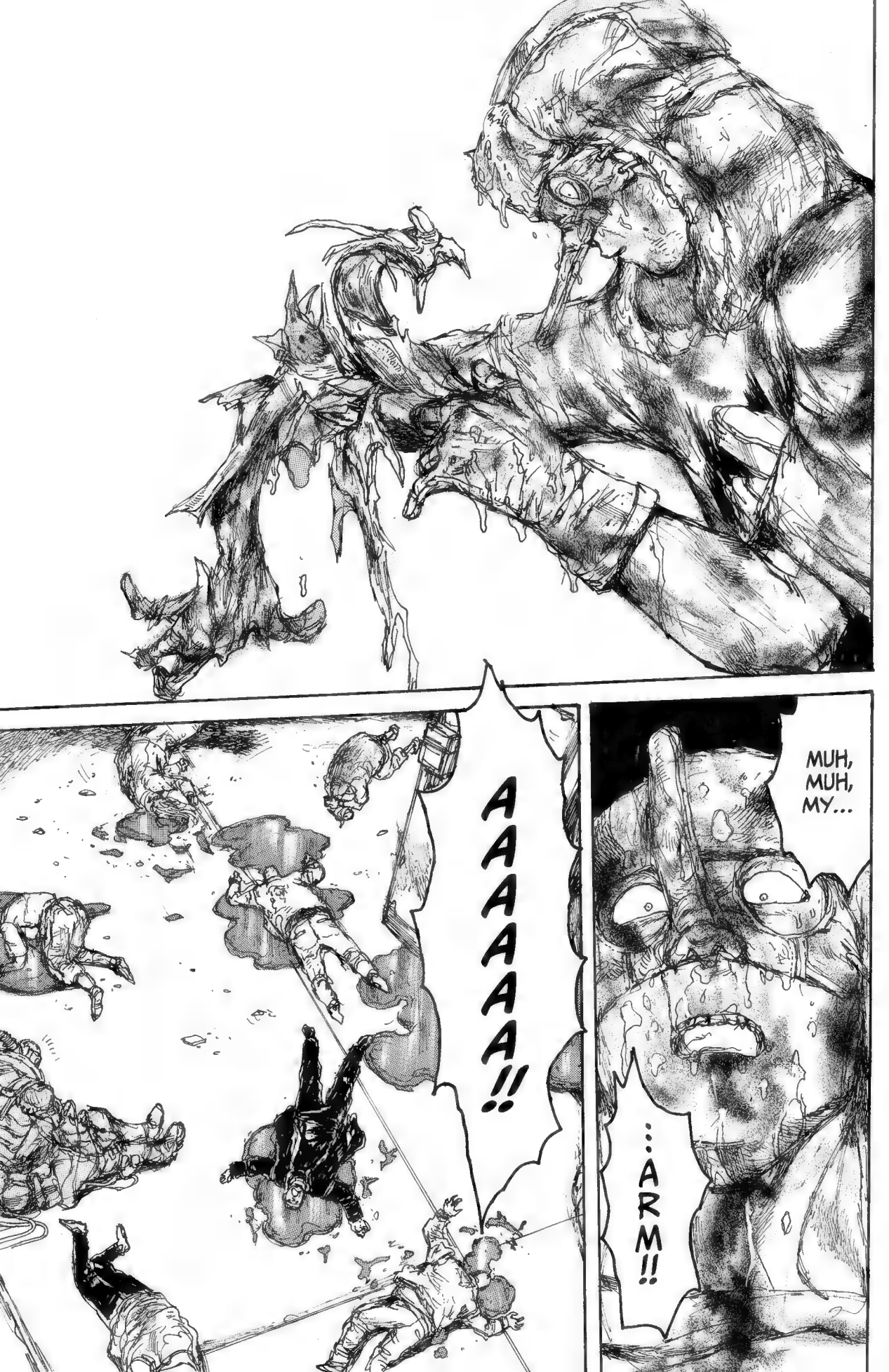
THIS FUCKER ...
AND NOW...
...DIES!!


HUH?

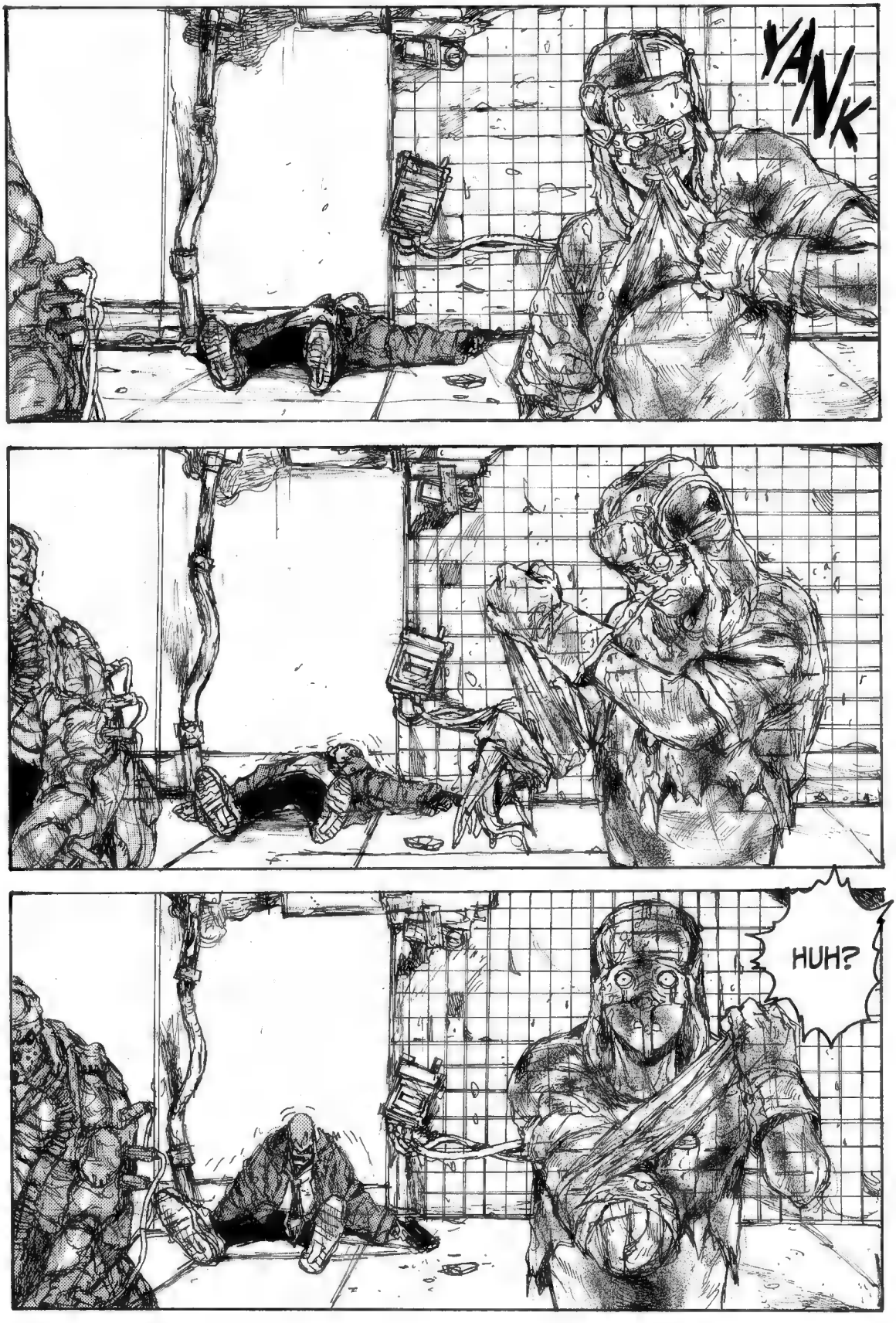
NO WAY ...
WHAT THE FUCK?

...
HERE
!!
SOME-
THING'S
...
WH
MP

KLUMP
SKKL
SKKL
SKKL
THWUMP
I...
I DID IT...
KLATTER
HUH...? WHAT THE...?
THERE'S SOME-THIN' ON MY FACE...
I ACTUALLY ...
...DID SOME-THING ...


MUH, MUH, MY...
...ARM!!
AAAAAA!!

IT'S SO STRONG! IT BLEW OFF MY ARM...
THE POWDER ...
HAKK
AM I GONNA DIE HERE?
I'M BLEEDING OUT INVISIBLE BLOOD...
AN' I CAN'T STOP THE SMOKE ...!
GOTTA STOP THE BLEEDING ...
NO. I AIN'T.
NO.


YANK
HUH?

NGH...
WHAT THE FLYING FUCK?!
WHAT. THE. FUCK.
MY ACHIN' HEAD ...
MY HEAD ...

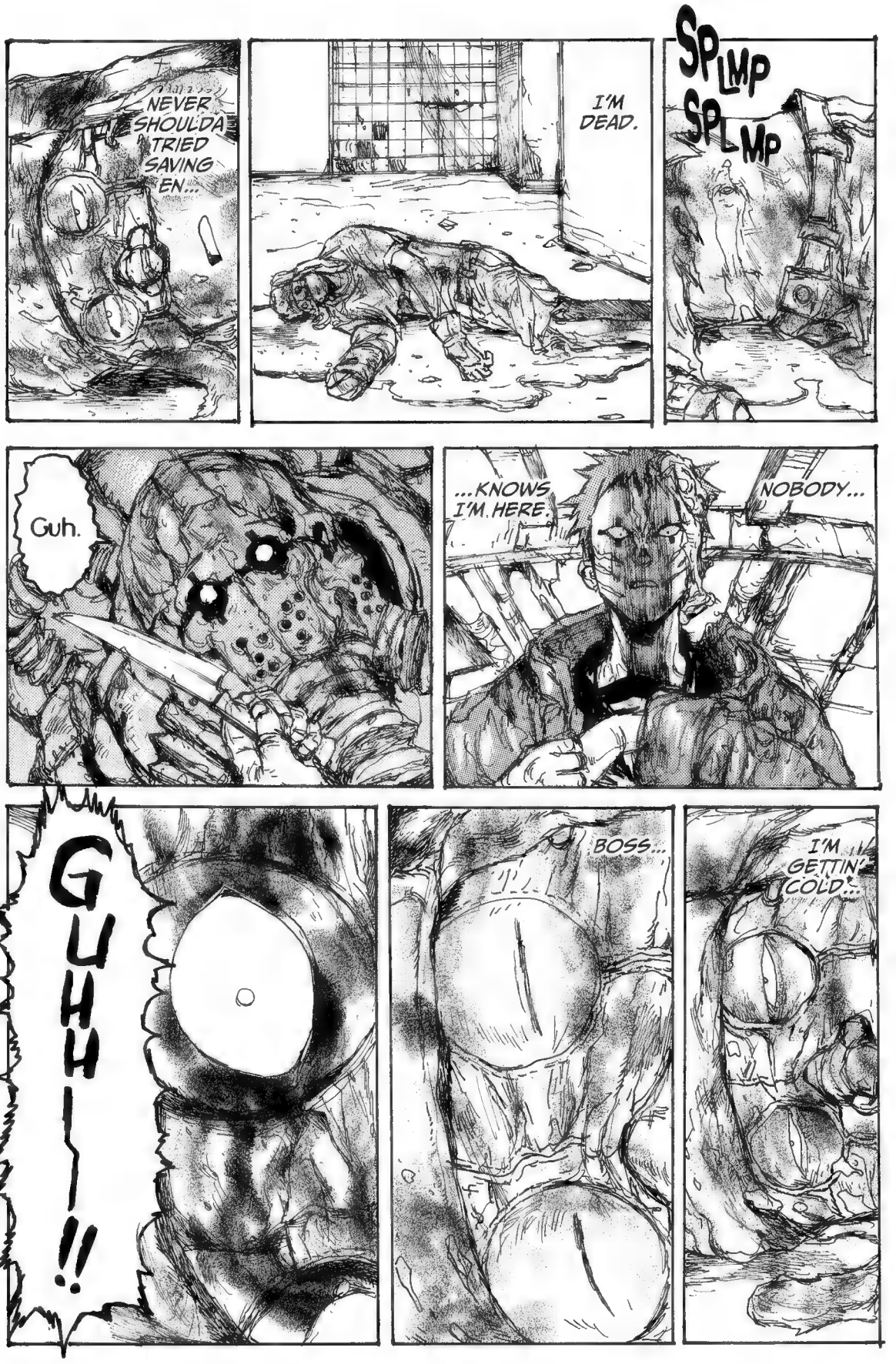
FLOP
FLP
OOG...
MOTHER-FUCKER ...
THE BLAST WAS SO POWERFUL MY AIM WAS OFF...
HE'S STILL ALIVE!
WHO...
MOTHER-FUCKER SH-SHOT ME...
HE'LL BE ABLE TO SEE ME!!
SHIT. I'M FILLED WITH BLACK POWDER

I CAN'T USE THIS ARM TO CAST MAGIC ANYMORE...
AND...
WHP
NNGH...
WHERE THE FUCK ARE YOU?!
KRAK
KRAK
POW

FUCK!
SPAK
SPAK
SPAK
POK
TH
OK
THAK
THAK
AGH!
KA
SPAK

LOST M' HELMET...
NGH...
KLK
KLK
PLUP
GOT SOME-THIN' ON MY HEAD...
SUH, SOME-THIN' AIN'T RIGHT...
THASS...
MY BRAIN ...!

AAAHH ...
AIN'T STICKIN' BACK IN... AH...
MUH, MY BRAIN... 'SCOMIN' OUT...
WHAT'LL I DO...
MY, MY BRAIN...


NEVER SHOULDA TRIED SAVING EN...
I'M DEAD.
SPLMP SPLMP
Guh.
...KNOWS I'M HERE.
NOBODY...
GUHH—!!
BOSS...
I'M GETTIN' COLD...

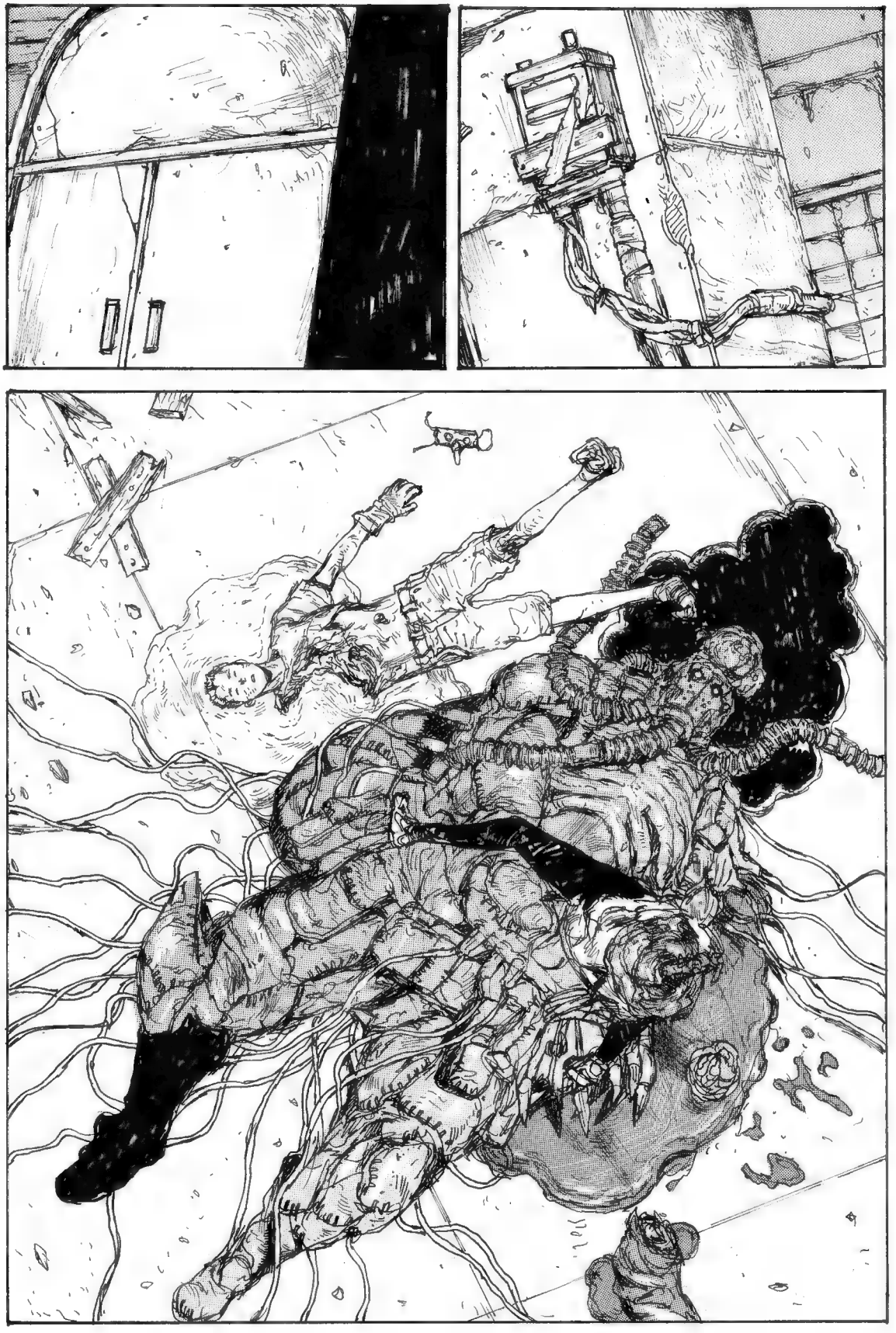
GIMME YOUR BRAIN.
IT'S MINE!
Gah.

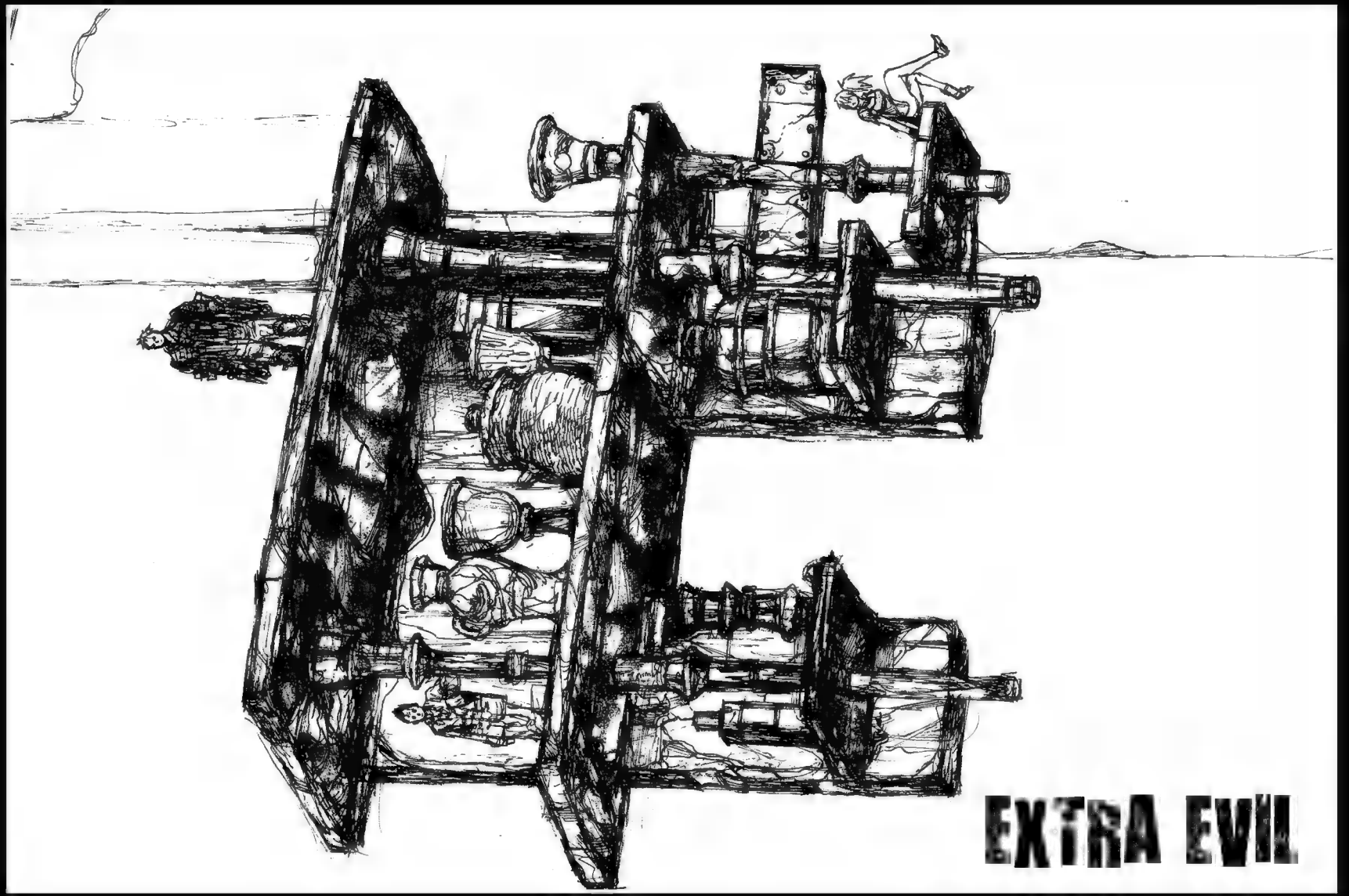
SCRITCH
NGH!
...EN'S DEVIL-TUMORS...
THAT MONSTER'S HEAD'S GOT...
MINE NOW.
HEH, HEH.
HEH, HEH, HEH.
WHAT THE HELL?
HNH?

HNH?
THMP
TAKE YOUR ...
... FILTHY FUCKIN' HANDS ...
... OFF HIM.
HI.

WHMPH
THIS BLAST'LL BLOW ME TO PIECES I GUESS.
...IS MAKE SHIT WORSE...
ALL I EVER DO...
LEMME KILL THIS FUCK...
SO PLEASE, PLEASE...

SP
AK
K
LIKE THAT, FUCKER?
CHMPL
SO QUIET.
QUIET.
WHICH MEANS ZERO CHANCE OF FINDING ME.
VMM
GOIN' SEE-THROUGH AGAIN...




EXTRA EVIL

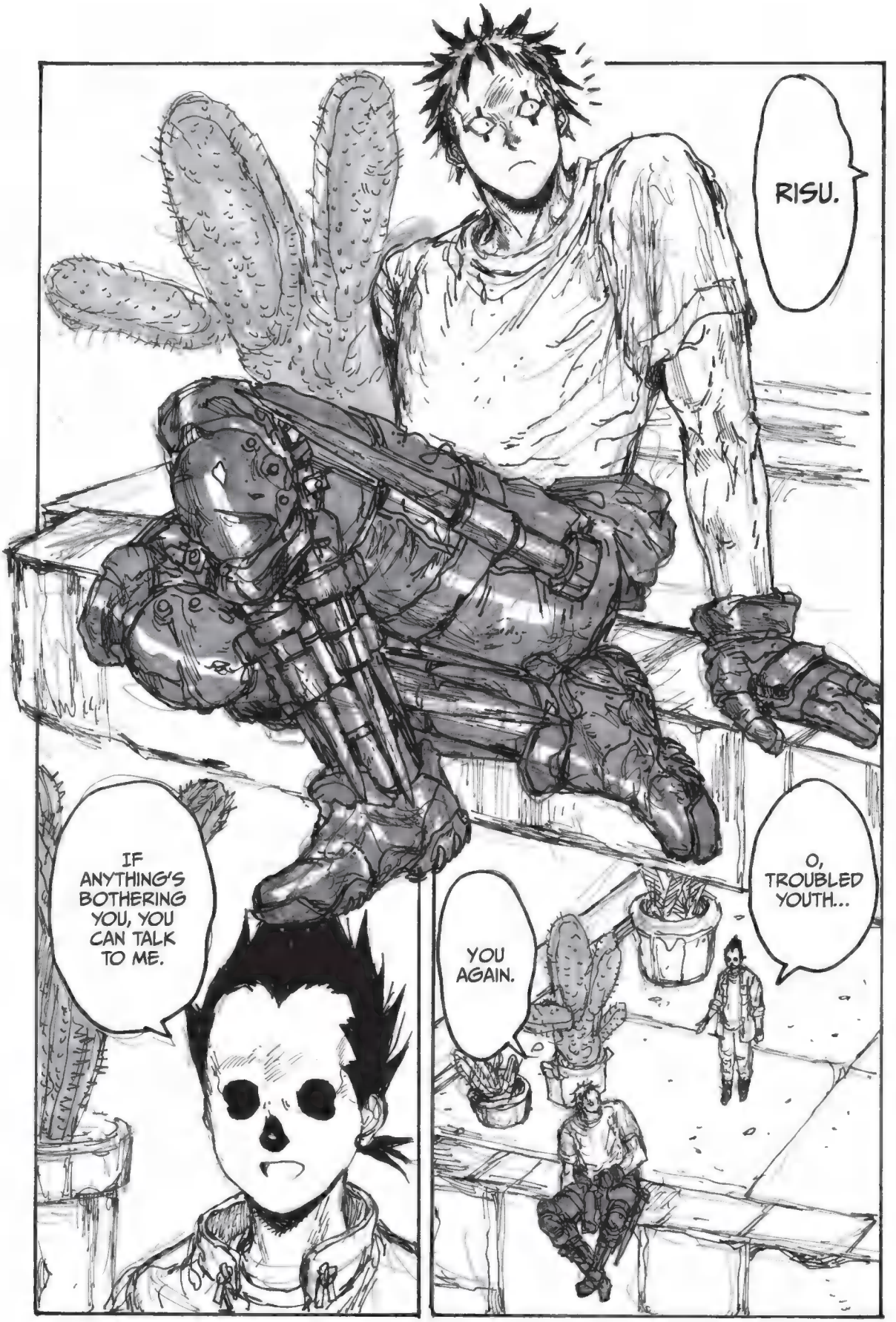
1) THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW: 1) THIS IS WHEN NIKAIDO WAS DOING MAGIC TRAINING IN ARMOR. 2) KAWAJIRI WAS THE DEVIL CALLED ASU.

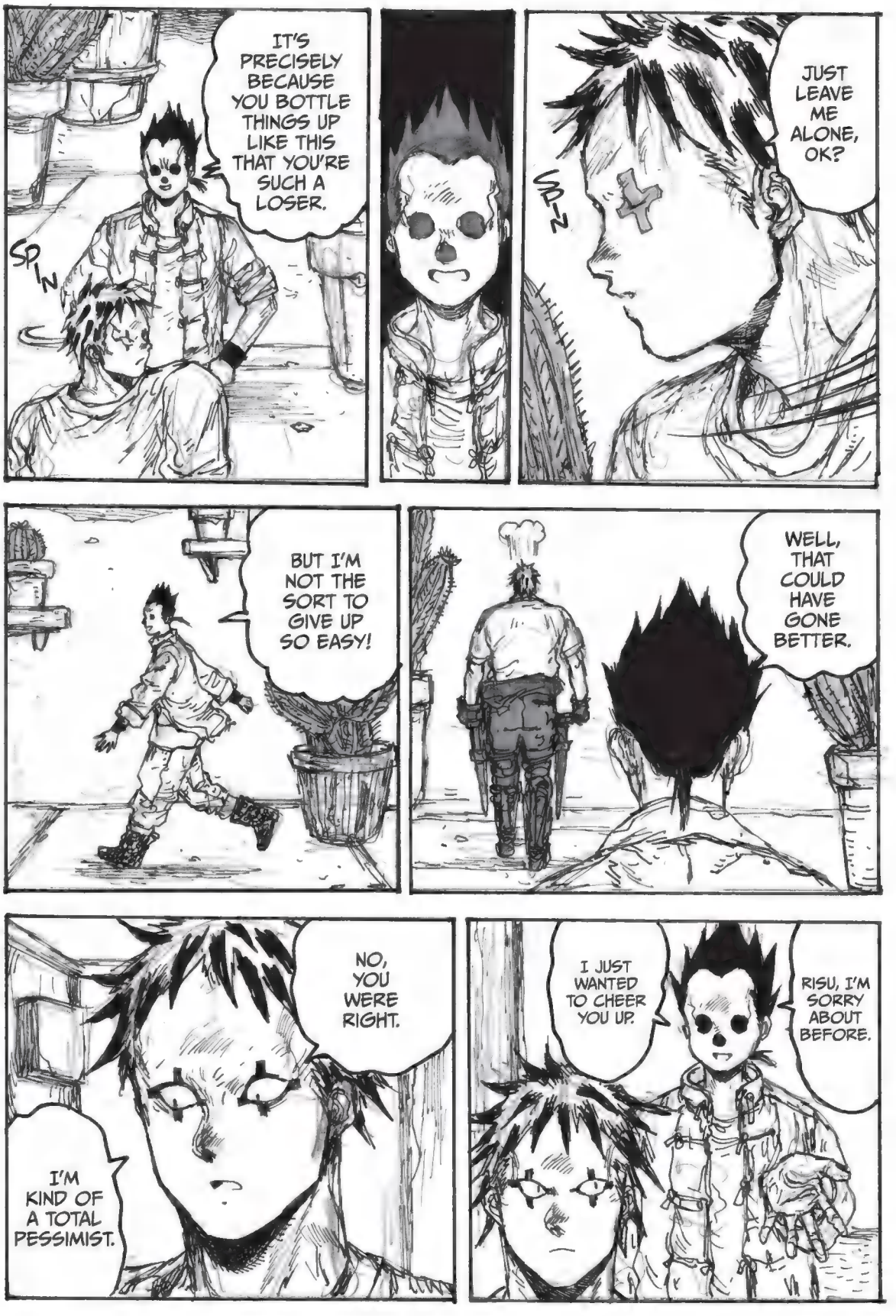
ASU?!
AAAH!
SPLSH
FEELS GOOD, DOESN'T IT!
THOUGHT I'D SCRUB YOUR BACK.
DIDN'T THINK YOU'D GET UPSET.
YOU SCARED ME!!!
I'M NOT UPSET. JUST A LITTLE SHY.
I'M NOT A KID, YOU KNOW!
YOU GOTTA TELL ME IF YOU'RE ON, TOO.
SORRY.

THAT'S RIGHT, WE DID!
I MEAN, I KNOW WE TOOK A BATH TOGETHER BACK WHEN YOU WERE A DEVIL, BUT...
I DIDN'T REALIZE IT, BUT I STILL THINK LIKE A DEVIL.
AN ERROR OF ETI-QUETTE.
THAT WAS WRONG OF ME.
I KNOW I'M NOT ONE ANYMORE.
GUESS I JUST HAVEN'T ACCEPTED IT YET.

IT'S UNCONSCIOUS. I GOTTA USE MY HEAD.
BUT WHO *WAS* I BEFORE I TURNED DEVIL?
I REMEMBER BEING LIKE A BIG BROTHER TO ALL THE KIDS AT THE DEVIL'S BOARDING SCHOOL...
I GOTTA WORK AT REMEMBERING WHO I WAS BACK WHEN I WAS JUST A SORCERER.

SOMEONE THE KIDS COULD TURN TO FOR ADVICE.
KIND, DEPEND-ABLE...
I GET THE FEELING ADVISING NIKAIDO IS SORT OF MY JOB ALREADY.
I GOT IT! I'LL GIVE ADVICE TO SOMEONE.
SO WHO ELSE NEEDS ADVICE? AHA.


RISU.
O, TROUBLED YOUTH...
YOU AGAIN.
IF ANYTHING'S BOTHERING YOU, YOU CAN TALK TO ME.


IT'S PRECISELY BECAUSE YOU BOTTLE THINGS UP LIKE THIS THAT YOU'RE SUCH A LOSER.
SPIN
JUST LEAVE ME ALONE, OK?
SPIN
BUT I'M NOT THE SORT TO GIVE UP SO EASY!
WELL, THAT COULD HAVE GONE BETTER.
NO, YOU WERE RIGHT.
I'M KIND OF A TOTAL PESSIMIST.
I JUST WANTED TO CHEER YOU UP.
RISU, I'M SORRY ABOUT BEFORE.

OOPS.
I WISH I WAS A DEVIL LIKE YOU. IF I COULD BE ONE I'D HAVE A SUNNIER OUTLOOK ON LIFE.
DEVIL TRAINING? NIKAIDO CAN HACK IT, BUT YOU'D JUST DROP OUT IN THE FIRST DAY.
PROBLEM IS HE'S NEUROTIC.
FLIES OFF THE HANDLE EASILY, WORRIES TOO MUCH.
DAMN IT. IF I DON'T DO SOMETHING HE'LL BE SWALLOWED ALIVE BY HIS NEGATIVITY.
THE DEVIL IN ME WANTS TO TEASE PEOPLE LIKE THAT TO DEATH...
BUT I'D BETTER CONTROL MYSELF.
THERE'S NO POINT RUBBING HIS NOSE IN REALITY.

WHO'S TORMENTING?!
I CAN'T STAND WATCHING YOU TORMENT THE GUY...
ASU, WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE RISU ALONE FOR A WHILE?
HI, NIKAIDO.
I'M NOT!!
YOU ARE. TO PASS THE TIME.
I MEAN, MY TASTE IN MUSIC TOTALLY CHANGED.
AT THIS RATE I'LL NEVER GO BACK TO MY HUMAN PERSONALITY EVER AGAIN.

KLINK
AND EAT THE GREATEST, GREASIEST FOODS!
AND I CAN'T WEAR ANYTHING BUT THE FINEST CLOTHES.
GLUG GLUG
SPLASH COLA
PST
SPLASH COLA
HM?

WHAT WE LEARNED: 1) MIXED-GENDER BATHING IS OK FOR DEVILS, MAYBE. 2) IF YOU'VE EVER BEEN A DEVIL, YOUR TASTES STAY DEVIL. 3) AIKAWA CAN TALK AS NASTY AS A DEVIL.

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